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## PA rejects compromise proposal on Hebron

JON IMMANUEL and Tim

THE Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams are to resume their talks in Eilat today, with the IDF redeployment in Hebron remaining the major sticking point.

The Palestinians rejected a compromise proposal for Hebron over the weekend that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had submitted to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Under the proposal, drawn up by OC Planning Branch Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, the Palestinians would assume all civil and municipal responsibilities in Hebron, while the IDF would withdraw from a number of neighborhoods in the city, but remain responsible for security in most areas. The Palestinian Police would take over security in those areas from which the IDF pulls out.

Since that proposal was rejected, the negotiators will today try to explore new ways to come to a compromise over Hebron. Israel, meanwhile, sharply criticized a call by Arafat to the international community to pressure Israel on the issue.

On Friday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met with Peres and other members of the negotiating team at his Tel Aviv office. According to this week's plan, Peres and Arafat are not expected to meet again until Wednesday.

Speaking last night in Nahariya, Rabin distanced himself further from settlements in the territories by saying that the real task of Zionism is to strengthen the border settlements within Israel.

"We first must strengthen all the border settlements - Shikma, Kiryat Shmona, Nahariya," said Rabin.

Chief negotiator Ahmed Qatib (Abu Ala) told reporters after the Palestinian Authority meeting in Gaza yesterday, that as the gaps on other issues narrowed, Hebron was the main outstanding problem. "There is a major difference between the two positions."

A poll conducted among 353 Hebron Arab interviewees by the Palestinian Jerusalem Media and Communication Center on Thursday indicated that 90% thought "there can be no solution without the total eviction of Israeli settlers from the city of Hebron." But as an interim settlement, 20% supported keeping the "settlers' areas" under Israeli control.

Other issues to be raised in Tabat will relate to the freeing of prisoners, economics, the division of the electricity supply, and water. Peres informed Rabin on Friday that by the year 2000, Israel will have doubled the amount of water allotted to the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria, and will increase by 10% annually the water allotted to Gaza.

Some progress was made last week on electricity issues, though no agreement was reached. Israel suggested the establishment of a joint committee to deal with the division of low-tension lines. Alternatively, Israel suggested construction of a new power plant.

## Hamas agrees with Iranian proposal to assassinate Arafat

Jerusalem Post Staff

IZZADIN Kassam, the military wing of Hamas, has reportedly agreed with an Iranian proposal to assassinate Yasser Arafat, the Paris weekly *Al Watan Al Arabi* reported. Iran suggested assassinating the Palestinian Authority leader as a way of destroying the peace process, the paper said.

According to the article as reported by Israel Radio, a conference was recently held of extreme Moslem groups, including Izzadin Kassam. An Iranian representative said the best way to foil the peace process was to liquidate Arafat, because the process was built on him and would collapse without him. Izzadin Kassam and the Moslem Underground of Algeria reportedly supported the idea.



Masked Palestinians march in an anti-Israel demonstration yesterday over the killing of Salman Azamareh Friday night.

(AP)

## NATO continues bombing after peace breakthrough

News agencies  
 SARAJEVO

NATO bombed bridges and air defense systems northwest of Sarajevo yesterday, a day after a ground attack that UN officials admitted probably killed Bosnian Serb civilians.

UN officials said civilians probably were killed Friday when UN gunners apparently overshoot their target trying to take out a Serb missile launcher near Sarajevo.

It was the first time the United Nations admitted to civilian deaths since the NATO aerial attacks on rebel Serbs began 10 days ago.

Bosnian Serb media has said 10 patients and staff were killed and 22 wounded when the UN rapid reaction force hit a hospital in Serb-held Blazuj, just west of Sarajevo.

UN officials could not confirm hitting the hospital and provided no civilian casualty figures.

Yesterday, bad weather again cramped NATO's air attacks, with only pre-dawn raids going ahead as planned.

But witnesses reported at least three loud explosions in Sarajevo's southern Serb-held Lukavica suburb at around 6:45 p.m. Jets roared by at the same time.

Among the targets yesterday was an air defense system northwest of Sarajevo. Group Capt. Trevor Murray of Britain said in Naples, Italy.

Serbs fired six surface-to-air missiles at NATO jets about 60 km northwest of Sarajevo, but NATO said no jets were hit.

On the diplomatic front, Russian peace envoy Igor Ivanov spent four hours with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday and emerged saying NATO air strikes could jeopardize the fragile peace process launched in Geneva.

Bosnia's warring sides took a first big step toward ending 3½ years of bloodshed on Friday, deciding to save the nation by cutting it in two. It would be divided

internally into two "entities": one for the rebel Serbs and another for the Moslems and Croats.

The Geneva meeting between the foreign ministers of rump Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia was brokered by US envoy Richard Holbrooke.

The breakthrough, a compromise clinched after weeks of US shuttle diplomacy, was not expected to produce a quick end to the fighting. It did not include a cease-fire, or resolve each state's precise boundaries.

The deal calls for a Moslem-Croat federation controlling 51 percent of the country and the Bosnian Serbs 49 percent. Each would be allowed to forge as yet undefined "special relationships" with Bosnia's neighbors - the Serbs with Serbia and the Bosnian federation with Croatia.

"If the air strikes continue that could jeopardize the work of the Contact Group," the independent news agency Beta quoted Ivanov saying of the five-power grouping behind the peace talks.

Ivanov said he and Milosevic agreed the NATO air strikes should be halted immediately, according to Beta.

Russia is the loudest critic of the NATO air campaign in support of United Nations demands that the Bosnian Serb army pull its heavy weapons back from Sarajevo and other safe areas. Moscow says the strikes have gone too far.

Ivanov briefed Milosevic, a close ally of Moscow, ahead of a meeting of the Contact Group - the United States, Russia, France, Germany and Britain - on the Yugoslav peace process at the Russian mission in Geneva this week.

"If we rely on the results of the meeting in Geneva yesterday, we may soon participate in a peace conference on the former Yugoslavia," Beta quoted Ivanov as saying.

## French launch hunt for suspect in school bombing

PARIS (Reuters) - French police launched a hunt yesterday for a suspect in a wave of bomb attacks that has killed seven people and wounded more than 120 in six weeks.

File photographs of Khaled Keikal, 24, an Algerian-born resident of Lyon, were issued by the Interior Ministry and shown on television hours after 31 suspected Islamic militants were detained for questioning in the city.

The police swoops were carried out in suburbs with a high proportion of North African immigrants, including Villeurbanne where a car bomb wounded 14 people outside a Jewish school on Thursday.

Investigators said Keikal's fingerprints matched those on an unexploded bomb found on a TGV high-speed railway track north of Lyon last month. They denied reports that they had arrested two people whose fingerprints were on the bomb.

Keikal's identification could be a breakthrough in the investigation into six bomb attacks in Paris and Lyon which have prompted a spectacular security clampdown backed by armed troops.

Roland Jacquard, head of the International Observatory on Terrorism, said Keikal's identification could expose links between Islamic networks and the underworld.

The bombers have hit a crowded commuter train and a tourist area in Paris. The attack on the TGV line and two others in Paris street markets failed because of faulty detonators.

The bombs were explosive-filled gas canisters, most of them packed with nails and bolts to cause maximum damage, a bloody technique used by the fundamentalist Islamic Armed Group (GIA) in their fight against Algeria's military-backed government.

The newspaper *Liberation* said investigators were looking again into an unsuccessful bomb attack nine months earlier in Lyon which took place hours af-

ter French commandos killed four GIA terrorists who had hijacked a French airliner from Algiers to Marseille.

Fearing more attacks, the French government implemented an emergency plan code-named "Vigilance" to step up checks in department stores and other public places and deploy 1,800 troops over the next few days to guard airports and railway stations and tighten border checks.

Marines armed with assault rifles took up position in tourist spots of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysees Avenue and a heliport in the capital.

## Extreme Jewish groups claim Halhoul killing

JON IMMANUEL

SOME 1,500 people staged anti-Israel protests yesterday over the murder of a Halhoul man who was shot dead in his home after midnight Friday by unidentified gunmen dressed in IDF uniforms.

The IDF said no soldiers were in the area when the shooting of Salman Azamareh, 24, took place in the town, which is north of Hebron. Police said they were establishing an inquiry into the "very serious" incident and the possibility that Jews or Arabs masquerading as soldiers committed the murder.

Police said five gunmen entered Halhoul and began banging on doors after 9 p.m. They apparently were holding a list, and forced people out of their homes and conducted searches. They spoke Hebrew. Witnesses said they wore kippot, tied up one resident, Amer Milhem, and took another man, Yasser Abed Rayaha, some way from his home and beat him.

They eventually knocked on the door of the home of Hussein Azamareh, who they tied up. When his son, Salman, arrived home around midnight, he was shot dead, either deliberately or because he disturbed the intruders. Azamareh, a vegetable merchant, was married with a child.

After the incident was reported on the radio, a group calling itself Eyal sent pager messages to Israeli reporters taking responsibility for the murder. Police, however, said the timing of the messages threw doubt on the claim.

Eyal has been known around Hebron and Kiryat Arba for the posters it has put up calling on settlers to prepare for vigilante actions. Gush Emunim spokesman Noam Arnon in Hebron said he believed the movement was connected with Kach. Another group calling itself "The Sword of David" took responsibility for the killing in a phone message to him last night.

"This could be the beginning of a cycle of a bloodshed," Arnon said.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe said he feared it could be a renewal of the Jewish underground.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said police were checking to see where Eyal members were at the time of the murder, and had taken testimony about the level of Arabic and Hebrew spoken at the scene of the killing.

"Without a doubt this incident has lit a warning light illuminating the possibility that people may carry out such detestable deeds," Shahal told Army Radio.

The murder is seen by both settlers and Arabs as an attempt to increase tensions between them as political negotiations reach a crucial stage over Hebron. The government is struggling to maintain overall responsibility for security in Hebron, but the Palestinian Authority is refusing to take less than it has been offered in the other Palestinian cities.

Arnon said the distrust between settlers and the government was so great that his first reaction was to say the murder "may have been a

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## Ministry of Religious Affairs Office of the Director General

In continuation to the announcement by the Ministry of Religious Affairs concerning the submission of applications for support during the coming financial year, as published recently in the newspapers, it is hereby brought to the attention of the public that the Minister of Religious Affairs, on September 8, 1995 (11 Elul 5755), conveyed to the government an announcement concerning the map of preferential areas for religious services on the part of the Ministry for Religious Affairs during the budget year 1995, as follows:

**General**  
 "In accordance with Clause 6 of the general portion of the Criteria for Distribution of Funds for the Support of Public Institutions by the Ministry for Religious Affairs (below: the Criteria), there is hereby reported to the government an announcement concerning the principles and guidelines governing the mapping of regions and areas of preference for religious services relative to the areas and extent of preferential support on the part of the Ministry of Religious Affairs for the budget year 1995.

**Map of Preferential Areas for Religious Buildings**  
 In supporting the development of religious buildings (Chapter 2 of the Criteria), the Ministry for Religious Affairs is permitted to grant preference to the construction of religious buildings on the basis of principles and considerations relating to the location of said religious buildings, the nature of the building, and additional considerations, as detailed below:

Religious buildings in a settlement for which the government has decided to grant specific treatment.  
 Religious buildings in settlements of the line of confrontation.  
 Religious buildings in National Priority Area A.  
 Religious buildings in National Priority Area B.  
 Religious buildings for immigrants from countries lacking religious buildings, such as Ethiopian immigrants.  
 Religious buildings in places included within the framework of a welfare project, on the basis of government decision.  
 Religious buildings in a neighborhood where a project for neighborhood rehabilitation has been carried out in accordance with governmental decision.  
 Neighborhoods in which there is no synagogue with a fixed building.

**Map of Preferential Regions for Religious Buildings within the Area of Other Activities**  
 In giving support to activity in other areas (the other chapters of the Criteria, with the exception of support for students in Torah institutions, according to Chapter 3 of the Criteria) the Ministry may grant preference in accordance with the following percentages, relative to those activities which do not enjoy such preference:

Activity in a settlement to which the government has decided to grant specific treatment...	10%
Activity in settlements of the line of confrontation...	10%
Activity in National Priority Area A...	10%
Activity of an institution dealing with a special population, such as children in special education or those entitled to be placed in dormitories of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, according to permit of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs...	10%
Activity in National Priority Area B...	5%
Activity in places included within the framework of a welfare project, according to governmental decision...	5%
Activity in a neighborhood in which the project for neighborhood rehabilitation has taken place in accordance with governmental decision...	5%
Activity for new immigrants up to three years from the date of their aliyah to Israel...	5%

Preferential percentages cannot be accumulated, and regarding activities to which more than one preferential percentage is applicable, the percentages will overlap.

In accordance with what is said above, the final date for bringing application for support during the budget year 1995 is hereby postponed to September 29, 1995 (5 Tishrei 5756).

In light of requests to the Ministry, it is hereby clarified that religious councils and local councils which do not have religious councils are allowed to submit applications for the development of religious structures.

With greetings for the New Year,  
 Dr. Gershon Metzger  
 Director General

## Powell had nuclear weapons plan in Gulf War

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Retired US General Colin Powell says he prepared a secret report on using nuclear weapons during the Gulf War and then destroyed it because the plan would have been a disaster.

In an excerpt from his autobiography to be published in *Time* magazine today, Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney asked him to explore hypothetical nuclear strike options against Iraqi units.

He said his first response was: "We're not going to let that genie loose." Cheney agreed but pressed Powell to find out anyway because he was curious.

He said he then prepared the report and added: "The results unnerved me. To do serious damage to just one armored division dispersed in the desert would require a considerable number of small tactical nuclear weapons. I showed this analysis to Cheney and then I had it destroyed."

In his autobiography called *My American Journey*, Powell also recalled several shouting matches with field commander General Norman Schwarzkopf on how to conduct the war, saying that Schwarzkopf "under pressure was an active volcano."

In one heated argument, Schwarzkopf wanted to delay the start of the war, arguing that there would be increased casualties otherwise.

"That did it. I had backed Norm at every step, fended off his critics with one hand while soothing his anxieties with the other," Powell wrote. He added that he told Schwarzkopf: "Don't you pull that on me. Don't you try to lay a patronizing guilt trip on me." The two men then calmed down and got on with the war against Iraq.

Powell also defends ending the war after four days without completely destroying Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's elite Republican Guard troops or carrying the fight on to Baghdad to oust the Iraqi leader from power.

"What tends to be forgotten is that while the United States led the way, we were heading an international coalition carrying out a clearly defined UN mission. That mission was accomplished."





# Beilin wants Labor to drop opposition to Palestinian state

ECONOMICS Minister Yossi Beilin urged the Labor Party on Friday to drop its opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state.

"I want to bring to the next Labor Party conference, in March 1996, a proposal that just as...we lifted the foolish prohibition on negotiations with the PLO, we should lift the negation of a Palestinian state," Beilin said. The party is expected to draw up its election platform at that gathering.

Beilin was speaking in Herzliya, at the 20th annual study day in memory of Pinhas Sapir. The subject of the conference was "Separation Between Israel and the Autonomous Areas."

Beilin said he personally does not support the establishment of a Palestinian state, preferring some sort of confederation with

## News agencies

the Palestinians, but that the party's hands should not be tied in a manner that would cause difficulties in the final-status negotiations.

He said such a platform would not lead the Palestinians to declare a state in the territories. "If the Palestinians would declare a state during the final-status negotiations we will not continue the negotiations, and they understand that," Beilin said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Interior Minister Ehud Barak, who also participated in the conference, both attacked Beilin's proposal. Rabin noted that it is forbidden, at this point, to make any commitment to accepting a Palestinian state.

"We cannot lose the room to maneuver so we can achieve the

solutions that we believe in," Rabin said. "We have to prepare a framework of cooperation between Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinians, as three different entities with interlocking economic, though not political, systems, and we are progressing towards that in stages."

Similarly, Barak warned against revealing Israel's position in advance. "We should encourage them to declare independence, but discourage them," he said.

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zivili said he didn't see the party accepting a Palestinian state as a final solution to the conflict, but said, "I foresee there can be a compromise that removes the total negation of this possibility, and that will enable the government to continue the negotiations."



Environment Minister Yossi Sarid (right) and Hod Hasharon Mayor Ezra Binayamini pet stray dogs during a visit Friday to the new animal shelter in Hod Hasharon run by the Let the Animals Live group. The group hopes to develop the 10-danah area into a national center for stray animals. Meanwhile, two more abused animals were found yesterday afternoon in Tel Aviv. Not far from Dizengoff Square, a passerby found a dead black cat with a rope around his neck. In North Tel Aviv, a dog was found lying on the street badly bruised, apparently from blows by a blunt object. Let the Animals Live spokeswoman Ety Altman said that the cat was probably killed by members of a satanic cult. (Text: him; Photo: Bick/ITPA)

## PA minister: Early elections would help peace process

THE Palestinian Authority's justice minister said yesterday that the slow-moving peace process might benefit if Israel held early elections.

Justice Minister Freih Abu Medeen said Israel's refusal to withdraw its troops from Hebron was holding up a deal on expanding Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank.

"I'm sure this is the time for new elections in Israel and if we wait for their elections next November...we will lose a lot of momentum for the peace process," Abu Medeen said after a weekly meeting

of the Palestinian Authority in Gaza.

"This is the time for [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin to take a historical decision... Maybe the best solution nowadays for the peace process is to have new elections in Israel and this government will go home," he said.

Israeli elections are scheduled for November 1996.

He also said Israel was delaying the accord because of the Jewish holidays.

(Reuters)

## Historian Binyamin Mazar dies at 89

PROF. Binyamin Mazar, an Israel Prize winner, former Hebrew University president and renowned archaeologist and historian, died yesterday in Jerusalem. He was 89.

Following the Six Day War, Mazar headed the historic excavations along the Southern and Western walls of the Temple Mount, earning the Israel Prize for Jewish Studies in 1968. Mazar had previously directed excavations at Ramat Rahel in 1933, Beit She'arim from 1936-1940 and Ein Gedi from 1957-1966.

Mazar served as president of the Hebrew University from 1953-1961, and retired from the school in 1974. He first joined the

university in 1943, as a professor of history of the Jewish people and the archeology of Palestine. He was appointed university rector in 1952.

Mazar headed the Israel Exploration Society and the Archaeological Board of Israel, and was a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Mazar was also involved in the establishment of the Israel Museum and Haifa University.

Born Binyamin Maister in Ciechanowice, Poland, on June 28, 1906, Mazar immigrated to Palestine in 1929 after having obtained a doctorate from the University of Giessen. He served as secretary of the Jewish Palestine Ex-

ploration Society from 1929-1943.

Among Mazar's more than 300 published works were the *History of Palestine Exploration*, the *History of Palestine and Israel in Biblical Times*.

Mazar is survived by a son, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His funeral procession will leave today from the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus at 1:45, and he will be buried at Har Hamenuhot at 2 p.m.

Jerusalem Post Staff

## HEBRON

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necting the electric lines in Judea and Samaria to the network that will be set up together with Jordan, and suggested that Egypt and the Palestinians set up a joint network to supply Gaza.

The civil administration today hands over to the Palestinian Authority responsibility for seven of eight spheres of civil authority outside Gaza and Jericho, following government ratification last month and a formal ceremony in Cairo. The seven spheres are statistics, local government, insurance, commerce and industry, fuel and gas, agriculture, labor. The civil administration gave no explanation why the eighth sphere, postal services, would not be transferred today. The Palestinian Authority currently controls health, education, taxes, social welfare and tourism outside Jericho and Gaza.

## HALHOUL

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provocation by the government to blame settlers. It is quite possible that soldiers did it under orders from the government."

He also said it could have been revenge by settlers for the murder of Daniel Frei in Ma'aleh Michmash last week, a view shared by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, and given as the reason by the caller to him.

In Halhoul, demonstrators blamed Israel, burned a small US flag, and stomped on a spray-painted Star of David in the road. Some three dozen youths in infada-style masks and uniforms, carrying knives and sticks, marched through the town. Others carried huge Palestinian banners.

Fatah, the PLO faction headed by Arafat, issued a leaflet saying "Salman, we will revenge your death." Fatah spokesmen in Halhoul described the killing as part of a struggle over control of the land.

Bill Hutman contributed to this report.

## Poll: Likud will have to deal with Arafat

SARAH HONIG and news agencies

THE Likud yesterday dismissed the implications of an Israel Radio poll that showed a majority of the population believes the Likud will have to continue dealing with Yasser Arafat if the party comes to power.

Party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu refused to comment and the party spokesman stressed that the Likud itself has never commissioned polls on the subject.

In the past, Netanyahu has gone on record as saying that whether or not he will, if elected, continue the policies of the present government towards the PLO will depend on whether the PLO will keep its end of the agreements. So far, Netanyahu has said, the PLO has not fulfilled even the most basic undertaking of doing away with the Palestinian Covenant which commits it to the destruction of Israel.

The poll also showed that half the respondents still consider Yasser Arafat a terrorist.

The poll, conducted Tuesday by Haifa University, was designed to gauge public opinion of Arafat. Pollsters questioned 800 Israelis, 10 percent of them Arab. However, many of those questioned declined to answer, and only 550 responses were received. The results given on the radio included only Jewish responses with no margin of error.

Asked how they view Arafat, almost 53 percent of the respondents said they see the PLO chief as "a terrorist, enemy and murderer," Israel Radio said.

Twenty percent said they viewed Arafat as a head of an authority and 13 percent said they saw him as negotiator. Less than one percent said the Palestinian leader was a friend.

However, when asked if Israel should continue to negotiate with Arafat, slightly over 53 percent said yes and almost 21 percent said talks should continue but under different conditions. Twenty-one percent were opposed to continuing the talks.

According to an official Likud Party statement, the significant finding of the poll is that "two years after the signing of the Oslo Accord and the supposed achievement of peace, over half the nation continues to regard Arafat as a terrorist and as a chieftain of a gang of murderers who continues to encourage and incite to terror against Israel's citizens."

Likud MK Benny Begin argued that more than anything else, "this poll points to the unequivocal failure of this government to market its partner Arafat to the Israeli populace."

Likud Knesset faction chairman Moshe Katzav said: "Arafat cannot be considered a partner for peace or negotiations because, as a majority of Israelis realize, he continues to encourage and abet terrorism."

But Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivili argued last night that "if anyone in Israeli politics will insist on ignoring the irreversible facts created by the Labor government, he will make his own side politically irrelevant."

## Liba'i: No terrorist extraditions, no release of Palestinian prisoners

ISRAEL may stop releasing Palestinians imprisoned for terrorist activities if the Palestinian Authority keeps refusing to extradite terrorists who have taken refuge in the Gaza Strip, Justice Minister David Liba'i said Friday.

The ministerial committee on prisoner releases meets today in Ramle to discuss the list of candidates for release and the lists provided by the PA.

Speaking on Channel 1's Arabic television, Liba'i said that un-

til now the government has refrained from using ultimatums in its relations with the PA. However, he said, Israel is concerned that the PA, despite receiving repeated requests, has not turned over even one wanted terrorist.

The minister said Israel is perturbed by the fact that terrorists commit grave crimes and then go free without having justice served against them.

"If the Palestinian Authority continues to refuse to give us wanted terrorists who will have

freedom to murder and flee without paying for their crimes, we will carefully consider the implications of refusing extradition requests," Liba'i said.

If the PA's stand is to refuse Israel's requests outright, Liba'i said, this position could also influence Israel's stance on the PA's demands for prisoner releases.

"We will not add more people with experience in terrorism to those who are released," he said.

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## Damascus says 'no' to higher level talks

DAMASCUS (AP) — Syria rejected an Israeli request to upgrade the level of their tortuous peace talks, saying progress can be achieved at the present level.

"This idea is completely rejected by Syria and President Hafez Assad," said the *al-Baath* newspaper, mouthpiece of Syria's ruling Baath party.

Assad "has made it clear that upgrading the level of talks is a weakness and not a remedy," it added.

"Those who want progress can achieve it even at the lowest level," the daily said.

Syria and Israel have made little progress toward a peace settlement since they began negotiations in October 1991.

Following the collapse of talks between the two countries' chiefs of staff several weeks ago, the only contact between them is through their ambassadors in Washington.

Their differences are primarily

over security arrangements on the Golan Heights following a proposed Israeli withdrawal.

Israel said this week it was disappointed by Syria's refusal to upgrade the level of their talks.

*Al-Baath*, in a thinly-veiled criticism of peace accords Israel has reached with Egypt, Jordan, and the PLO, said, "Those who upgraded their talks with Israel have got only partial agreements which gave Israel everything and deprived them of everything."

## Tibi threatens suit over PECARD letter

Jerusalem Post Staff

YASSER Arafat adviser Dr. Ahmed Tibi has threatened to sue the weekly *Sau' Al-Haq Wa'l Hurriya*, an organ of the Islamic Movement in Israel, for libel and defamation.

In its August 25 issue, the paper published letters from the Palestinian Authority to the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECARD) in which Tibi was mentioned as the dispenser of PA funds to Arab political parties and MKs in Israel. Tibi claims the letter, like all 15 letters from the PA to PECARD recent-

ly published in Israel and abroad, is a forgery.

Responding to Tibi's threat in its September 8 issue, the paper's lawyer Mustafa Mahmeed invoked the public's right to know about the letters, and asserted that the paper had discharged its journalistic obligation by publishing Tibi's denial. "As to the charge that the letters are forgeries," Mahmeed added, "they originated in the upper echelons of the PA, and there is no room for doubt about their genuineness. Accordingly, Tibi's threat is rejected."

## Lawyer: Judge wanted me off WTC case because I'm Jewish

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

A DEFENSE lawyer has accused a federal judge in New York of trying to remove him from the World Trade Center case because he is Jewish.

It is the second time this year that religion has been at issue in this case, and appears to be part of a pattern in New York cases with Middle Eastern connections.

In an affidavit filed this week, attorney David Gordon said US District Judge Kevin Duffy informed him on August 16 that he could not represent Eyad Ismoil, a Jordanian national of Palestinian origin who was extradited to the US in August. Ismoil, 24, is charged with driving the bomb-laden van that exploded under the Trade Center in 1993.

"The court stated that 'if my client was convicted, he would accuse me of not representing him properly because I was Jewish, and that if my client was acquitted, the Jewish Defense League might retaliate against

me," Gordon said in the affidavit.

Duffy denounced Gordon for revealing what had been a private conversation. On Thursday the judge said, "If you want to represent this guy and he wants you, perfectly swell."

In February, the Jewish lawyer for another defendant in the case, Ramzi Ahmad Yousef, was removed. Yousef is alleged to have been the mastermind of the bombing. His attorney was Yehoshua College graduate Avi Moskowitz. Like Gordon, Moskowitz was assigned to the case by the "criminal justice act panel," a mechanism through which private attorneys are selected at random to represent indigent clients in criminal cases.

"The potential problems relate to private matters that I am not going to discuss," Moskowitz said in February. When pressed about whether he was taken off the case because he is Jewish, Moskowitz said, "That's a fair statement."

## New civil servants will be insured by pension funds

STARTING from next year, newly hired civil service workers will receive their pension insurance via a pension fund, and not through a budgetary pension, as is now the practice.

The change will not affect current state employees and 60,000 civil service pensioners.

Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet, wage director Yossi Kucik, and Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon agreed that a joint committee will work out the changes that need to be made to legislation and to prevailing work agreements.

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## Russian parliament demands Kozyrev's dismissal

MOSCOW (AP) — Angered by their nation's declining clout, Russian lawmakers voted yesterday to demand the firing of Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev for the "utter helplessness" of Russian diplomacy in the Balkans.

The State Duma or lower house of parliament also urged the nonbinding vote that Russia suspend its participation in NATO's Partnership for Peace program in protest against Western airstrikes on Bosnian Serbs.

Venting nationalist sentiments in a special session called by three opposition factions, legislators called for President Boris Yeltsin to sign into law legislation it passed last month to unilaterally lift sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia.

The resolution, which passed 258-2, carries no force of law. But it signifies a political consensus Yeltsin can't afford to ignore with his government's policies on public trial in the run up to December parliamentary elections.

"It has become quite clear that Russia, over the past few years of numerous and crude mistakes and miscalculations, has lost the leverage to influence parties to the Bosnian conflict and reduced its role to that of an idle onlooker," the deputies said in a statement approved separately.

"Russia's opinion is ignored by Western countries openly and flagrantly," they said.

Yeltsin himself lashed out at the Foreign Ministry on Friday, blaming it for diplomatic failures

and warning there would be changes in personnel if the problems were not corrected.

But it is unlikely he would immediately sack Kozyrev in response to an advisory vote by a lame-duck parliament. He has yet to act on the Duma's Aug. 12 measure to lift sanctions, and analysts say he is not expected to sign it.

Yeltsin was scheduled to fly to the Black Sea resort of Sochi today for vacation.

Under intense political pressure at home over Russia's limited diplomatic role in the Bosnian conflict, Yeltsin threatened earlier in the week to reconsider Russia's relations with the West if NATO attacks continue.

Russia again formally demanded at a United Nations Security Council meeting that NATO stop bombing rebel Serbs.

Duma deputies took the Kremlin to task for not doing more, saying the latest events in the Balkans demonstrated Russia's utter helplessness there.

"Russia's influence on the Yugoslav situation is weak, if not equal to zero," senior lawmaker Vladimir Lukin, Moscow's former US ambassador, told the Duma before the vote.

"Russia has committed political blunders," he said, which lessened its influence and enabled the West to "reject us."

Russia shares historical and religious ties with the Serbs, fellow Orthodox Slavs, and accuses the West of siding with Bosnian Muslims.

## Sunshine, weekend lure women out of Beijing

BEIJING (Reuters) — The Vatican dropped a conciliatory mood yesterday to warn that talks at the world women's conference threatened the family, but many delegates took a break from heated debate to stroll on the Great Wall.

However, the main negotiators at the biggest-ever UN meeting remained ensconced behind closed doors seeking consensus on contentious language in the draft Platform for Action before the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Lured by a burst of sunshine, some delegates visited the Great Wall of China, and sidewalk cafes and beer gardens set up around the conference site bustled with diners discussing women's issues in dozens of languages.

"Are we working or playing today? We are relaxing, but this is part of our work," said Olga Benoit, a member of a Haitian non-governmental organization who has been lobbying official delegates to the women's conference.

The Vatican rattled the weekend lull

with an angry outburst attacking the European Union (EU) for being anti-family and anti-religion in negotiations for the new global charter for women.

It was the first time since the gathering opened six days ago that disputes at the UN women's conference had spilled from behind closed doors into public bickering.

The delegation sent by Pope John Paul II lashed out at the EU for leading a coalition that it said was trying to destroy the family, roll back parental rights, belittle motherhood and undermine religious faith.

EU spokeswoman Cristina Alberdi dismissed the charges as simply incorrect, and urged calm in the debate.

Feminist leaders condemned the blast from the Holy See, one of the most influential participants in its own right as well as through voting proxies such as Malta and Ecuador.

The Platform for Action on the negotiating table retreated from existing human-

rights documents that safeguarded these areas, Vatican spokesman Joachim Navarro-Valls said.

"At Beijing, the draft document casts marriage and the family negatively as impediments to women's self-realization," the prepared statement said.

Worse, he said, there were moves to replace "family" in the document with "families". The plural form is designed to accommodate other forms of families outside the traditional mother and father structure, including single-parent and polygamous families and units headed by same-sex partners.

References to motherhood were all negative, he said, and negotiators were "attempting to eliminate all recognition of parental rights and responsibilities".

Navarro-Valls said the position on these issues taken by EU negotiators ran directly counter to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"It's alarming," Navarro-Valls said. But he added: "For now the negotiating pro-

cess is open.

"We have a position, everyone knows our position, and we have to defend it," said Alberdi, who is also Spanish Minister of Social Affairs. "The main thing, if possible, is not to encourage confrontation. Our objective is to try to agree."

Bela Abzug, a top figure in the US women's movement, said the Vatican attack was an act of "desperation" and "it's a statement that ignores a large, large consensus."

The Vatican surprised many delegates at the conference by calling a truce in the battle over language in the document concerned with contraception and abortion. At the last big UN gathering in Cairo last year, that dealt with population issues, the Vatican had dug in its heels on the issue.

To present a more acceptable face, the Vatican also appointed a woman, Mary Ann Glendon, a Harvard law professor, to lead its team to Beijing. It is the first time a woman has led a Vatican delegation to a major conference.

## Kashmiri abductors extend hostage deadline

SRINAGAR (AP) — A Kashmiri separatist group holding four Westerners, including an American, as hostages said yesterday it was extending the deadline to kill the captives.

In a statement to a local newspaper Al-Faran group, however, warned the Indian government not to waste any more time and free 15 of their jailed colleagues in exchange for the captives' freedom.

The four-line statement in Urdu language given to Al-Fara newspaper did not say when the new deadline will end.

Al-Faran warned they would execute the captives if the government did not free 15 imprisoned rebels by last night.

"We are extending the deadline on the appeal of the relatives of the hostages," the statement said.

"We advise the Indian government not to waste any more time and meet our demand and we want to make it clear that the responsibility for the hostages' safety is now with the Indian government."

Jammu-Kashmir government's spokesman Kulbhushan Jandial said he has no information on the new deadline.

"I have neither seen the statement, nor Al-Faran contacts said anything about it," Jandial said by telephone.

### Poll: Most Frenchmen oppose nuclear tests

PARIS (Reuters) — Six in 10 French voters believe France's decision to resume nuclear tests was wrong, according to an opinion poll being published today.

The IFOP survey, due to appear in the weekly *Journal du Dimanche*, was the first carried out since last week's underground nuclear test in the South Pacific.

It said 60 percent of those questioned opposed the tests and 36 percent approved them. Four percent had no opinion.

## Appeal court blocks Ito

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Under orders from a higher court, O.J. Simpson's judge abandoned a plan to instruct jurors that they could consider Mark Fuhrman's "unavailability" to testify in weighing the former detective's credibility.

"The court is grateful for the Court of Appeals for the expedition manner in which this writ was handled," Judge Lance Ito said in a brief written order withdrawing his plan.

The decision means that as of now, Ito will tell jurors nothing about Fuhrman, who has been a primary target of defense attempts to show Simpson was framed for the murders of his ex-wife and her friend.

The developments created a major new problem on the eve of the defense's plans to rest its case.

After the appeals court ruling that prompted Ito to back down, the defense said it may have to call more witnesses rather than rest its case tomorrow.

The dispute likely will leave the increasingly anxious jury, which hasn't heard testimony since Wednesday, dangling even longer.

"We have to decide whether or not to rest without an instruction we viewed as legally correct for the jury to hear," attorney Rob-

ert Shapiro told The Associated Press. "We may reconsider whether we rest at this time or call additional witnesses."

He added: "Clearly, we are very disappointed that the jury will not know the true reason why Mark Fuhrman did not complete his cross-examination. We are considering every possible remedy."

At issue was what jurors would be told about Fuhrman, a now-retired detective the defense has accused of being a racist capable of planting a bloody glove on Simpson's property matching one found near the bodies of his ex-wife and her friend.

Fuhrman was questioned by defense lawyers earlier this week, outside the jury's presence, after evidence was presented that contradicted his previous testimony. He also was asked whether he placed a bloody glove at Simpson's estate to make it appear the former American football star killed his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Fuhrman refused to answer the questions, citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination. The defense claims Fuhrman is a liar and a racist who tried to make Simpson, who is black, appear guilty of the June 12, 1994, murders.

## Bus arrives at starving Sierra Leone town

KENEMA, Sierra Leone (Reuters) — The first public bus for three months to brave rebel-infested roads to this diamond town was greeted with joy yesterday by residents cut off from the rest of the country.

"Now that the government bus has come from Freetown without trouble, the trucks should start coming too. There has been too much suffering," said an excited taxi driver.

Rebel attacks on the road east from Freetown forced the closure of all highways to Kenema and nearby towns.

The ensuing famine in the town, whose population has trebled to more than 150,000 since the rebel war began in 1991, has killed hundreds of people.

The two state buses arrived on Friday night, but for most of the impoverished residents with no money to buy food, it was business as usual yesterday in the tiring search for whatever they could find in the nearby bush.

As dawn broke in the town ringed by lush hills, lines of women and children headed out to gather firewood and cassava leaves.

"Almost everybody needs food distribution," said epidemiologist Marcel Van Soest of Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF-Doctors Without Borders). Holland, which is feeding the town's malnourished children.

"Everybody is running out of money. There is no mining and there is no business to do."

Foday Sankoh's Revolutionary United Front launched its campaign in the southeast in March 1991, with the support of Charles Taylor's rebels in neighboring Liberia.

The rebels stepped up their campaign late last year and reached the heavily-defended approaches of the capital in May.

Despite the euphoria over the resumption of public bus services, the roads into Kenema remain empty. Many truck drivers have refused to make the journey for fear of ambushes.

A flight on one of three or four private airlines, largely foreign-owned, is the surest way of travelling between the capital Freetown and Kenema 300 km to the east, or in much of the rest of the interior.



Passengers on a flight leaving Tahiti for Paris board a speedboat evacuating them from Papeete by sea. Access roads to Tahiti's international airport were closed due to rioting.

## Tourists flee riot-scarred Tahitian capital

PAPEETE, Tahiti (Reuters) — A second planeload of tourists left the riot-scarred Tahitian capital as the city reopened for business for the first time since French nuclear testing sparked a spree of violence, arson and looting.

As peace returned to Papeete, French Polynesia's President Gaston Flosse blamed local politics, not nuclear tests, for the riots.

Over 130 Air New Zealand passengers flew out of Papeete's near-devastated airport as authorities and residents cleaned up after a 30-hour rampage, which erupted on Wednesday when France resumed testing in the South Pacific.

"We are still working to solve the problem of people stranded here in Tahiti and in the (outer) islands," a senior tourism official told Reuters, adding that over 200 visitors were still overdue to leave the French colony.

The airport has been closed to normal traffic since early Wednesday when rioters ran amok across the tarmac, stoning an airliner as it was boarding and setting fire to the crowded main

terminal. A French airliner left for Paris Friday.

"It will take time and it will take a lot of money to regain the confidence of the consumers," the official said.

After a night boarded up for fear of further violence, shops and banks in the city center began to reopen as authorities strove to reopen the international terminal to normal commercial flights by yesterday.

Forklifts were used to clear the burnt wrecks of cars from the airport carpark, scene of fierce battles between riot police and anti-nuclear and pro-independence activists, while military authorities searched for unexploded percussion grenades.

Over 130 cars and 17 buildings were fire-bombed in Wednesday's riots, leaving 110 people homeless and a damage bill worth over \$10 million, Flosse told reporters in Papeete.

Twenty people were injured and 135 cars were burnt, he said, adding French President Jacques Chirac had ordered four million French francs (NIS 2.4 million) in emergency relief aid for Papeete.

Flosse also opened an inquiry into the riots to assess damage and responsibility, but he denied Tuesday's underground test at Mururoa atoll was to blame for the unrest.

"The nuclear experiments were used as a pretence to mask the real intention, which was internal politics," he said, blaming independence leader Oscar Temaru for the airport riot.

Temaru, mayor of the town of Faa, which surrounds the airport, used the nuclear issue to try to gain support ahead of next March's French territorial elections, Flosse said.

Flosse's conservative Rally for the Republic (RPR) party has 30 seats in the 41-seat Territorial Assembly to four by Temaru's Tavini Huiraatira Party (Liberation Front of Polynesia).

Temaru denied responsibility

for the violence, saying many rioters were young, unemployed youths who were out of control.

"He (Flosse) is the only one responsible for all of this," Temaru said, adding that the resumption of French nuclear testing and not local politics ignited the protests.

A French Polynesian social group called for a demonstration in Papeete yesterday to show "the silent majority of our country refuses to live in fear and insecurity".

As tourists left on Friday, more French riot police arrived, with two transports carrying around 180 reinforcements and another 90 due to arrive later in the day.

There are now some 540 riot police in Tahiti as well as scores of French foreign legionnaires and paratroopers.

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## US envoy draws hard line with Burma

RANGOON (AP) — The highest-ranking US official to visit Burma since the military seized power in 1988 said yesterday she delivered a "tough message" to the country's leaders, telling them they must achieve further progress toward democracy in order to improve relations.

At an airport news conference before her departure, US Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright said she had told one of the military government's leaders, Gen. Khin Nyunt, that "his country's isolation would only deepen unless concrete steps toward political freedom" are taken. She said she urged the government "to choose the path of true democracy rather than continued repression and dictatorial control."

Albright met with Khin Nyunt, who serves as first secretary of the ruling military council — called the State Law and Order Restoration Council — and heads Burma's powerful military intelligence service. He is widely regarded as SLORC's most powerful member.

Albright, who as UN ambassador is a member of President Clinton's Cabinet, also met with dissident leader Aung San Suu Kyi and officials of UN agencies.

Albright said she had urged the government to begin a dialogue with Mrs. Suu Kyi and was "modestly encouraged to hear that SLORC is considering the possibility of engaging in a political dialogue" with her.

She quoted Mrs. Suu Kyi as telling her in their meeting that "the sooner the dialogue begins the better." Mrs. Suu Kyi is leader of the main opposition party, the National League for Democracy, and the winner of the 1991 Nobel peace prize.

She was released from six years of house arrest in July, and since then has been reorganizing her party while at the same time trying to avoid a confrontation with the military.

Wearing traditional Burmese clothes, she welcomed Albright yesterday morning for a typical Burmese breakfast of "mohinga" — rice noodles and fish soup.

The United States has cool relations with the Rangoon government, which it accuses of abusing human rights and refusing to cede power to the National League for Democracy, which won a landslide victory in a 1990 general election.

Albright told reporters her visit should not be interpreted as a warming of relations but rather as an affirmation of American support for progress toward genuine democracy in Burma.

She said the government expected a friendlier message from her "because they believe that releasing Aung San Suu Kyi was a big step. So I think they might have been a little bit surprised that I wasn't a little bit friendlier."



Tsai Feng-chun (right), a 29-year-old surgeon and amateur diver, and his bride Lu Hui-chen, 28, swim to the surface of the sea after becoming the first Taiwanese couple to be married underwater. (AP)

## Rioters rampage across East Timor

JAKARTA (Reuters) — Police in troubled East Timor's capital Dili said they had taken control of the city yesterday after the worst rioting in the territory this year.

Gangs of youths rampaged across the city Friday, attacking police and Indonesian Muslim immigrants, residents said. Early yesterday the youths burned a market where Buginese immigrants dominated trade.

"Security has been under control since 2 p.m. and we have arrested a number of people on charges of destruction," East Timor's police chief Colonel Andreas Sugianto said by telephone from Dili.

He declined to say how many people were arrested, but confirmed Komoro market had been set alight yesterday.

The Moslem Buginese immigrants from the southern part of Sulawesi island, 800 km northwest of Dili, dominate the city's markets.

Local residents said the situation was calmer in the afternoon but said they were still afraid to go out. "We are cautious. We don't dare to leave our houses," one said.

They said they feared further rioting could break out at night.

Residents said gangs of youths rampaged across the city on Friday morning after reports that an Indonesian official had insulted the Catholic faith of the East Timorese majority.

They said protesters burned six cars and motorcycles, including those belonging to police.

An official at the general hospital in Dili, 2,075 km east of Jakarta, said one man was being treated there for injuries and residents said eight people were injured in the clash.

The visiting Commander of the Udayana Military Command, Major-General Adang Ruchiatna, whose jurisdiction includes Bali, the nearby Nusatenggara islands and East Timor, told reporters six security officers were injured after the incident and 41 youths were being questioned.

He said the Indonesian official had been arrested, adding: "The suspect is accused of insulting other people's religion."

The purpose of Ruchiatna's visit was unclear.

According to police, he left East Timor yesterday.

Residents said police arrested dozens of youths and closed down the city centre after youths smashed cars, shops and roadside stalls in an apparent protest against Indonesian immigrants.

The riot was the worst incident since political and ethnic riots last year in Dili and the seaside town of Bacau.

People in Bacau, 180 km east of Dili, took their anger out by rioting and burning down the town's two Buginese-dominated markets after a Buginese man fatally stabbed a native East Timorese on New Year's Day.

At least five people were killed in the incident, which added racial conflict to East Timor's catalogue of woes.

Religious and ethnic issues are sensitive in predominantly Catholic East Timor, which mainly Moslem Indonesia invaded in 1975 and annexed the following year. The United Nations does not recognise Indonesia's rule there.

## Hundreds missing after Hurricane Luis hits Caribbean island

FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique (AP) — Dozens of people were feared missing yesterday from boats tossed onto piers and beaches when Hurricane Luis slashed its deadly path across the Caribbean island of St. Martin.

The storm churned toward Bermuda after claiming an official toll of at least 14 dead on five islands, including a man swept out to sea off Antigua while searching in his car for his girlfriend.

The number of dead was expected to rise.

As rumors mounted that there were many more deaths on St. Martin than reported, the Dutch authorities banned journalists from their part of the island, telling one American team they were tired of the negative publicity.

The (death) figure could rise, Dutch government spokesman Jan Meijer said from The Hague. "We know that a very large percentage of the houses are severely damaged... We are not sure what we will find under the mess."

Dozens were believed missing from the 1,000 yachts and houseboats strewn across piers and beaches by the hurricane's 210-kph winds and 3-meter high waves.

French authorities, who initially reported eight deaths on the French side and seven on the Dutch when the hurricane struck, could only confirm eight deaths on the entire island. Radio France Outre-Mers said there were 30 deaths.

"Our priority is not to count the dead but help the living," said an unidentified man who answered the telephone at a St. Martin police station. "Our priority is to find lodging for 2,000 homeless, medication and care for the wounded, and to clean up this mess."

It became even more impossible to confirm the deaths and

damage after the Dutch imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in their part of St. Martin, closing the border with the French half of the island and allowing only relief planes to land. Chartered helicopters with reporters were turned back.

Ham radio operators reporting to the UN Amateur Radio Association, which works on communications in national disasters, could only account for 200 of 600 yachts believed to have been in Simpson Bay.

Caribbean yachting sources said some people had refused to abandon their vessels, some worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and tried to ride out the storm.

Most yacht owners are from North America and Europe.

A team from the US State Department was expected in St. Martin yesterday. It was not possible to confirm reports that the United States was preparing to begin evacuating its citizens there.

Thousands of islanders remained stranded without communications three days after Luis, one of the most powerful storms of the century, blasted through the Caribbean.

Luis tore up telephone and electricity poles, tossed satellite dishes, trashed airports and jetties, washed away roads and blocked others with uprooted trees.

As of 5 a.m. yesterday, the hurricane's center was located near 30.1 degrees north and 69.5 degrees west, with maximum sustained winds of 180 kph. A gradual turn to the northeast was expected today.

The storm was not expected to endanger the US mainland, but the National Weather Service said heavy surf and coastal flooding could occur from Florida to southern New England.

## New UUP leader: IRA must disarm before we join talks

BELFAST (Reuters) — Newly elected Protestant leader David Trimble warned Britain and Ireland yesterday that a token surrender of arms by the IRA would not be enough to make him join all-party Northern Ireland peace talks.

"It's not to be done simply as a gesture," Trimble told his first news conference after being elected leader of Northern Ireland's Ulster Unionist Party (UUP).

He said that the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, would have to prove a total commitment to peace by getting the Irish Republican Army to give up its arms, but warned that even that might not be enough to satisfy him.

"Handing up some weapons may not be enough because it may not establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful methods," the 50-year-old law lecturer said after an upset win in Friday night's UUP leadership election.

"All the words all the actions of Sinn Fein, IRA at the moment show they are not committed to peaceful methods."

Trimble, whose party stands against any attempts to end the province's British status, sent a message to the Irish and British governments that he would be taking a tough line on the issue of arms which has deadlocked their peace process.

Britain says that the IRA, which fought British rule for 25 years until declaring a ceasefire last year, must make a commitment

and a start to "arms decommissioning" to win a seat for Sinn Fein at all-party peace talks.

But it has sent signals that a commitment to disarm and a token surrender of some stocks of Semtex plastic explosive and automatic weapons might be enough to earn invitation to all-party talks which Sinn Fein clamors for.

"Any instalment or advance towards that goal (total disarmament) would be welcome and we seek to encourage it," Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said in a keynote speech in Britain which was overshadowed by the UUP leadership poll.

But Trimble made plain that he was against any "cosmetic gesture" in a headline outline of his views that will complicate Britain and Ireland's quest for a lasting settlement.

The UUP is the mainstream voice of the province's pro-British 60 percent Protestant majority and holds nine seats in the British House of Commons, the same figure as embattled Prime Minister John Major's fragile majority.

His win is likely to be viewed as a setback for peace efforts in Dublin and in London, as well as by Sinn Fein, which seeks the reunification of Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams appealed to the UUP before the vote to end its "bitter mentality" and work with Irish nationalists to forge a new agreed Ireland in peace.

## Africa moves into era of clockwork radio

MARIUS BOSCH  
JOHANNESBURG

IN the age of digital communications, a wind-up radio is being produced in South Africa to bring music and news to powerless people from Rwanda to Bosnia.

The radio invented by Briton Trevor Baylis draws its power from a wind-up spring which turns an internal generator — a principle used in the gramophone long ago.

There is no need for batteries or mains electricity, making it ideally suited for remote parts of Africa where there are no power lines and batteries are too costly for most people.

The radio, being produced in

Cape Town, has the backing of South Africa's President Nelson Mandela and has been endorsed by aid and agencies.

"President Mandela was voicing the congratulations of a continent when he shook the inventor's hand," the *Times* of London said in a recent editorial.

Aid agencies see the radio as a way to get health information, particularly about AIDS and other diseases, to remote areas. The company making the radio sees sales possibilities in Bosnia and other war zones where the power has been cut off.

"It will mean continuous access to information...it will allow a person to be in touch with the outside world at all times," said Rory Stear, chief executive of Johannesburg-based BayGen Power Co. which manufactures the radio.

Operating the three-band radio is simple. Winding the spring for a minute provides enough power for the radio for 40

minutes. The generator will last for about 10,000 winds and can be easily replaced by changing the cassette in which it is housed.

Stear said the radio had been designed for use in rugged conditions and the controls were designed not to break easily.

"This product has been developed for use in some of the most rugged places in the continent...and obviously one of its major uses will be in the developing world," he added.

Baylis stumbled on the idea while watching a television documentary on AIDS in Africa where the fight against the disease is severely hampered by poor communication.

The manufacturers believe the radio could revolutionise communication in developing areas and countries hit by war and unrest.

Already about 60,000 radios have been ordered by aid organisations operating in Rwanda and

Stear said BayGen-radios would soon be used in Bosnia.

"Before Christmas this year there will be significant quantities of our sets being utilized in Rwanda as they will be in Bosnia."

"In the UK we tied up a deal to put significant sets into Bosnia before Christmas."

"The main reason that our product has become significant for Bosnia is that in Sarajevo, I'm told that they are now down to three or four hours of electricity every three days and there are eight radio stations in Sarajevo."

A factory in Cape Town staffed by 150 disabled workers eventually will be able to manufacture 50,000 units a month.

The radio will receive short-wave, AM and FM signals and will cost about \$70 to \$80 in Africa.

Stear said the radio had immense applications in distance education and educating people about AIDS. And the wind-up radio had already been endorsed by 20 international aid organisations.

In Africa there are about 106 million radios, meaning only a minority of the people has access to or owns a radio, according to research done by the BBC.

Tanzania has only 10 radios for every 100 of its people compared with 32 radios per 100 South Africans. (Reuters)

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**M**ULTIPLE sclerosis confined Annie Belohorec, a Canadian nurse and the mother of three small children, to a wheelchair, from which she has worked valiantly to teach other victims of this cruel disease how to cope.

The disease also struck the mother of London writer Laurie Dennett, who has responded by walking a total of 6,500 kilometers across three continents and has raised \$350,000 for MS research.

Both women were in Jerusalem last week to attend the annual conference of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies. Belohorec, making her first trip outside Canada, was presented with the 1995 International Person with MS of the Year award, while Dennett was praised for her singular personal effort to conquer the autoimmune disease.

Living in a small town in distant Alberta, Canada, where her husband Joe is an auto mechanic, Belohorec worked part-time as a nurse in a cancer ward. She was 27 when the first symptoms of MS appeared, but she wasn't diagnosed for another two years.

"Within eight months, I was in a wheelchair, and my children were aged five, four and two," she says.

The disease strikes one person in a thousand (occurring in women more frequently than in men) usually between the ages of 20 and 40, but it is diagnosed in older people as well. Something in the body causes the immune system to regard the myelin "insulation" coating the nerves as an intruder, breaking it down and disturbing the transmission of impulses.

Attacks can cause paralysis, blindness, deafness or lack of muscle control. The effects can be sudden and progressive, as in Belohorec's case, or intermittent and remitting, with some or even considerable recovery of functions.

There is no cure, but a number of drugs — including Copaxone developed at the Weizmann Institute and manufactured by Teva — have been shown to reduce the frequency and severity of MS attacks.

Belohorec was in and out of hospitals for three years, while her husband and hired help took care of their children. Her condition stabilized and she returned home for good, with weak legs. Her home had to be renovated and equipped with a lift and ramps. They also had to purchase a new vehicle to accommodate her wheelchair.

"It was very depressing as I took note of the things I had lost," she says. "I planned on paper how we'd manage with the children, but everything was changed."

Joe, she says, was her main source of support, and the children took on responsibilities as they grew up.

"I'm not surprised by the statistic that 80 percent of North American couples in which one has MS eventually break up," she says. "The strains are very hard. But one can also survive and adapt like we have."

Modern Western societies, she continues, "value people for what they do, not for whom they are, so having a potentially disabling disease can affect our identities and status. I worried that I was a burden to my family. My condition brought uncertainty, tiredness, fear and grief over the loss of functions," she says.

Asked to compare cancer and MS, Belohorec says it's difficult to compare. "With MS, you know you'll probably live a long life; the question is what kind of life you will have," she explains. "You can't plan, and you don't know if or when you will have another attack and what its outcome will be."

Initially, her children were angered by the changes in their home life. Her youngest child was raised mainly by strangers for a few years, and even now — at 15 — wants to be reassured that everything is all right.

But her two older children, now aged 19 and 18, regard her as a normal mother.

"When one of their friends first came over and saw me in my wheelchair, cooking, he asked: 'What's the matter with your mom?'" she says. "My son said: 'Nothing,' because I was function-



Laurie Dennett (left) and Annie Belohorec were both honored at last week's International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies conference held in Jerusalem.

(Tal Kesten)

ing and he was used to the wheelchair."

Unable to work in the hospital any more, Belohorec decided she wanted to help fellow MS patients, especially women to whom she could easily relate.

"It is really easier for women, because they tend more to be at home," Belohorec says. "If a man is forced to leave his work and is confined to home, his identity may crumble."

But men, she says, are less willing to talk about what a disabling disease does to them.

Turning part of her home into an office, she uses the fax machine, phone and

computer to write a column for a newsletter produced by her local MS society. Computers, she says, have greatly reduced the isolation of the disabled by making distances irrelevant. She meets with fellow patients, explaining how they can improve their quality of life and cope with family obligations. She volunteers at hospitals and nursing schools, explaining how to take care of the disabled.

"As a nurse and a patient, I know about this from both sides," she stresses.

Getting their driving licenses at 16, her sons help drive her in their van when necessary.

"But Joe and I didn't want them to take on too many responsibilities too soon and lose their childhood," Belohorec says.

Fortunately, she is now regaining some strength in her hands (she takes no MS medication, except for occasional painkillers, but does do physiotherapy). She hopes she will eventually be able to drive with a hand control of the wheel and brakes.

DENNETT, born in Canada, was introduced to MS when her mother contracted it at the age of 48.

"I had to do something, although I couldn't help her," Dennett says. "So, at the age of 40 in 1986, I decided to walk. I don't intend to stop until a cure is discovered."

She has made three long journeys on foot: in 1986 from France to Santiago, crossing the oceans by boat; 2,200 km across Europe in 1989; and then from London to Haifa during the last four months of 1992. In 1997, she is planning a trek from Jerusalem back to Europe.

"I wore rugged shoes and had a backpack with my maps, a compass and my personal things. I stayed anywhere people invited me to stay, in private homes, in monasteries and nunneries," says Dennett, who is single. "I have encountered incredible kindness."

As she crossed continents, covering 18 to 40 km a day, in good or inclement weather (through the snowy Alps and torrential rain in France), she met with representatives of local MS societies. Interviews by local papers and appearances on radio stations brought in a stream of donations for MS research. She sent postcards back to her septuagenarian mother, who is now totally paralyzed from the neck down, and used to call her before she became nearly deaf.

Asked how she could contemplate beginning each long journey on foot, Dennett explains: "It wasn't so overwhelming when I thought about just how many kilometers I had to cover in a single day. It was, as Confucius said about a march of 1,000 miles, beginning with a single step."

Her walk has benefited the Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society as well. The organization, chaired by lawyer Daniel Rotem, has 1,000 members out of the estimated 4,000 MS sufferers here.

"We need to help the families as well as the patients, as the disease can affect them all," Rotem says. "Some patients are famous people, but because the disease doesn't have visible effects, they keep it to themselves for fear that it will affect them professionally or socially. We would like to encourage all patients to be members so we can help them deal with their problems and increase public awareness of the disease."

## Antibiotics may cause weakness but still cure the infection

Rx FOR READERS

POST HEALTH REPORTER

**I**t's commonly said that antibiotics "weaken" the body during the course of treatment. Is this true, or does a person just feel weaker because of the infection for which he is taking antibiotics?

**M.C., Kiryat Gat**  
Dr. Silvio Pittik, an expert on clinical pharmacology at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, answers:

Infections themselves can cause patients to feel weak. But in about 10 to 30 percent of patients who take antibiotics, the drugs themselves make them feel weak. We know this because of controlled, double-blind studies in which some patients were given antibiotics and others took a harmless placebo.

We don't know the actual mechanism responsible for this reaction. Some antibiotics can cause sleepiness, while others may induce insomnia. In addition, antibiotics may kill helpful bacteria in the intestines, resulting in diarrhea, which weakens the patient.

Fortunately, in nearly all cases, these side effects pass soon after the patient stops taking the medication. There is no reason not to take antibiotics because they cause some weakness, as the medical benefits of killing bacterial infections surpass the shortcomings. However, patients should not take antibiotics unless the doctor has determined they suffer from a bacterial infection, as they have no effect on viruses.

**Is one permitted to take iron supplements for iron-deficiency anemia with milk products or soon after eating a meal with milk products? My pharmacist told me the two bind together and make the iron ineffective. Is this true?**

**O.S., Jerusalem**  
Dr. Harold (Zvi) Ferson, a pharmacology expert in Jerusalem and former head of Health Ministry drug registration, replies:

This advice is correct, and it is written in the leaflet in all packages. Milk — or apparently the calcium in it — prevents or slows absorption of iron from the intestines. Calcium is a fairly reactive molecule, and it combines with iron to form a large complex that doesn't pass through the villi of the intestine into the blood stream.

So one should avoid taking any kind of milk product an hour before or an hour after taking iron. But milk isn't the only food to do so; drinking coffee or tea within an hour of taking an iron supplement also interferes with the mineral's absorption. However, vitamin C enhances absorption, so it is often combined with the iron pill itself.

**I heard a few years ago that it was forbidden to give honey to a**

**baby under the age of one. But I read somewhere recently that this is no longer considered a danger. Is it dangerous, and if so, why?**

**A.B., Tel Aviv**  
Prof. David Branski, chief of pediatrics at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, replies:

A number of years ago, a significant number of cases of infant poisoning from *Clostridium botulinum* were reported in the West Coast of the US. Most of those were under one year of age. The common denominator of all of them was that they had been given honey as infants. As a result, pediatricians adopted a policy recommending that honey not be given before a baby's first birthday, as apparently their immune system cannot cope with this microbe found naturally in honey.

As far as I know, this rule still stands. Since honey is not an important nutrient for babies, it is advisable to follow the rule so as not to pose any risk to infants.

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## A rare syndrome of the extroverted

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**C**HILDREN with Williams Syndrome (WS) have pixie faces with pug noses and the beguiling habit of hugging and even kissing complete strangers. This wouldn't be so bad, except that such extroversion can become downright dangerous as they grow older, and because the syndrome can include a variety of serious physical and cognitive problems as well.

So rare that it isn't even mentioned in some medical encyclopedias, WS affects one in 20,000 children (about five Israeli newborns each year) and was identified as a syndrome only in 1961. There are so few cases and the symptoms so varied, that physicians are likely to have difficulty recognizing it. Many children are diagnosed as toddlers or even after they reach first grade.

Variety Israel, a voluntary organization established in 1967 by former president Chaim Herzog, provides assistance to some 3,000 children suffering from a variety of medical conditions, some of them as rare as WS, who "fall between the chairs" of government responsibility.

According to Variety volunteer Orka Eyal, the organization quickly deals with all applications and sends a volunteer to each home to investigate a child's needs. If no public agency is bound to help and the need is genuine, Variety provides actual goods or services, such as dental care, a computer or a caregiver, instead of giving each family money.

It raises funds from entertainment and social events, private donors and the sale of gold, heart-shaped pins during a special campaign around the country last week. The original Variety organization was founded in the US 70 years ago, when a mother of eight left her youngest baby in a basket outside a circus tent, asking the entertainers to care for the child because she couldn't. There are now Variety "tents" (national organizations) in over 100 countries, including Israel.

**THE WILLIAMS Syndrome Society (WSS)** was formed here two years ago by the parents of two children who developed it from a spontaneous mutation of a gene that causes the lack of an important body chemical called elastin that affects brain function.

It can also be transferred to offspring by carriers or parents suffering from the syndrome itself. "It is rather like the opposite of autism, for they are super-social and very outgoing. Fortunately, my daughter Rachel, now 10½, has a relatively mild case that expresses itself mostly psychologically and dentally," says WSS chairwoman Gilat Blecher, an artist and single parent in Tel Aviv.

"WS children are often missing teeth or have very small teeth, and they need expensive dental care. Variety Israel supplied NIS 2,000 in dental care for my daughter. But there are many children with all kinds of other symptoms, and some



Neomi Allon (l) and Rachel Blecher have Williams Syndrome, a condition characterized by pixie faces and pug noses.



are severely retarded."

Completely unfamiliar with WS when Rachel was finally diagnosed at the age of seven, Blecher had difficulty finding experts on it. Despite Rachel's relatively mild case, her regular school was unwilling to keep her on, and she had to be transferred to a special-education school whose teachers were more able to deal with her.

"Rachel, like most other WS children, has almost perfect pitch and would thus benefit from a musical education. WSS has founded a music-education fund to help finance lessons for the children. They also have strong linguistic ability. The super-sociality can be moderated but not eliminated, so they have to be watched at all times," explains Blecher. "Rachel reads and writes well, but has quite a lot of difficulty with math and little understanding of the meaning of money."

Henrietta Allon, the mother of four children and wife of an artist, gave birth to a WS child four years ago. Neomi was 18 months old when it was diagnosed at the Beilinson Hospital cardiology institute, because she had a heart problem that, fortunately, does not at present require surgical attention. (WS can now be diagnosed in the fetus through amniocentesis.)

"MY HUSBAND and I are not carriers, so it developed as a spontaneous mutation," says Allon, who is deputy chairman of WSS, which has 26 member families but believes there are over 100 such families around the country.

There is a WS organization and some 20,000 children with the syndrome in the US. "Some of the children here have not been diagnosed, other families have not heard of us, and others know of our self-help group but, because of fear or stigma, don't want to become active." The organization makes out four mailings a year containing information about the syndrome, some of which it receives from the American society. It represents the

full lips, small chin and swelling around the eyes. Those that are blue- or green-eyed may have a white "star" in their iris.

Typical among WS sufferers is the narrowing of the major artery leading from the heart, called supravalvular aortic stenosis, which often must be remedied with open-heart surgery.

There may also be high levels of calcium in the blood, causing digestive problems. WS children tend to have feeding problems as babies and gain weight slowly. Some have kidney function problems and are more likely to suffer from fractures. Their muscle tone may be poor, causing them to learn to walk late. Most WS children have some degree of learning disability and fine-motor problems.

Because of the complexity in diagnosis, there will soon be an interdisciplinary clinic for diagnosing WS, the society announced. The location has not been finalized. This, hope Blecher and Allon, will make it easier for families to reach their organization and speed diagnosis. The earlier the disease is recognized, the better they can cope.

In the US, Blecher notes, many WS children attend regular schools.

**WSS is at 4 Hess Street, Tel Aviv; tel. (03) 525-4676 or 683-0338. Variety Israel's address is 26 Rehov Yirmiyahu, 62594 Tel Aviv; tel. (03) 546-7715.**

## A sleep lab that never leaves the home

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

**T**HOUSANDS of Israelis have spent a night at one of the country's sleep labs to detect and analyze any of a variety of disorders, from snoring and sleep apnea to neurological problems and insomnia. Now a Tel Aviv company claims it can supply mobile equipment that turns your own bed into a sleep lab.

Ma'arag, in La Guardia Street, will send a fifth- or sixth-year medical student/technician to a patient's home to set up the compact monitor and attach it to his body before going to bed; he or she will also show how to detach the electrodes if the patient has to go to the bathroom or leave for work early. The technician returns the next morning to take the equipment for deciphering, and a full report is sent to the patient and his doctor within a week.

Called EdenTrace II, the portable sleep recorder measures airflow, respiratory effort, oxygen saturation, snoring, heart rate and body position and motion. Snoring by one's spouse does not affect the results, but the spouse is advised not to "elbow" the snorer during the test.

The same device is used in hospitals, according to the two-month-old company's managing

director Avi Blonder, who says it has received favorable assessments in a number of established medical journals.

Ma'arag intends to cover the entire country, but now offers services between Haifa and Ashdod. The cost is NIS 750 (compared with NIS 1,500 to NIS 2,100 in hospital sleep labs), and for members of the Menahem and Leumit health funds the cost is fully covered (negotiations are in progress with the other two insurers).

**SOYA SOAKS UP LDL.** Soya protein significantly reduces blood cholesterol levels, according to research published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

This came as good news to the Tivoli company, which makes meatless soya-protein foods. Dr. Micha Shemer, Tivoli's deputy director-general for research and development, says that until now it was believed that soya's greatest contribution was as a meat substitute: if people eat less meat, they get less cholesterol in their diet. But the new research

found that soya protein reduces low-density lipoprotein (LDL, the "bad" cholesterol) and thereby cuts the risk of heart disease.

According to the study, people who ate 47 grams of soya protein a day for only a month reduced their LDL levels on average by 9.3 percent while people with very high LDL levels cut theirs by as much as 20 percent.

**BLOWING YOUR OWN HORN** Now we know why Louis Armstrong's eyes seemed to pop out. According to two physicians writing a letter to the editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, blowing a horn can cause dizziness and high blood pressure.

Drs. Joel Dimsdale and Richard Nelesen of the University of California at San Diego described the case of a neophyte French horn player who got dizzy every time he hit the high notes. They found that his diastolic (or resting) blood pressure rose from 96 at middle C to 113 at high C. His systolic (or contracting) pressure also followed the pitch closely.

They postulated that reaching higher notes requires blowing against the resistance of a tighter lip position, increasing pressure in the lungs and on the heart.

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## LITTLE HEARTS BREAK EASY

**I** imagine a child in a poor family, or in a home for orphans or the disabled. There's always a reason, it seems, for other kids to get presents: holidays,



birthdays, achievements, or just for being good. But no gifts are there for this child. There may be no tears on the outside, but inside, another little heart breaks in silence.

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## Breakthrough in Bosnia

**T**HE major breakthrough in negotiations for peace in former Yugoslavia was somewhat overshadowed by an accidental NATO air strike on a Serb civilian hospital and an explosion of dissent in the Russian parliament over the government's attitude to the Bosnian conflict. It can only be hoped that these incidents will prove to be transient and that the advance made in Geneva on Friday will prove more enduring than previous efforts.

There is some reason for mild optimism about this latest initiative, and it must be said that much of the credit for the progress belongs to the often-maligned Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, even though it was an American initiative successfully brokered by Richard Holbrooke. In essence, the plan is to split Bosnia into two entities - "two realities" would probably be more accurate. A Croat-Muslim federation would control 51 percent of the country and the Bosnian Serbs 49 percent.

The diplomatic gain for Milosevic - who for the first time was allowed by Bosnian Serbs to negotiate on their behalf - was his gaining of some measure of recognition for a Bosnian Serb entity to be known as the Republic of Serbska. This he has achieved by finally abandoning the objective of Greater Serbia, which was the cause of the war in the first place. The Bosnian Muslims gained an assurance that the Bosnian Serbs would not be allowed to secede from the state or change its borders, despite their title of "republic." The Bosnian Croats gained the same assurances as the Serbs and Serbs - that they would be able to form some as yet undefined "relationship" with Croatia.

It all looked suspiciously like partition, so all parties hastily assumed the world that is not the ultimate aim. However, the unbending Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, indicated that Greater Serbia continued to be his idea of the future. His statement that his final goal is "a unified state of all Serbs in one, two or three steps," sound suspiciously like a phrase borrowed from a speech by PLO Chairman Yasser

Arafat. This makes it all the more vital that Serbia proper remains the power answerable to the international community for Bosnian Serb compliance with any final peace treaty.

The aim of the agreement, as President Clinton put quite simply, is to stop all of them from killing one another. This is as much as anyone can hope for at present. Now that NATO has acted in defense of the UN safe areas, the logical step is to get all parties to sign a document that makes all of Bosnia a safe area as quickly as possible. Then they will know that any breach of the agreement will bring the wrath of NATO back on their heads.

However, now that NATO has won some movement on the peace front, the West must quickly bring Russia back to full partnership in the Contact Group negotiations. The fury of Russian deputies attacking President Yeltsin's government yesterday was a clear indication of real political frustration that Moscow is being sidelined. As a friend of the Serbs, Russia has valid interests in the Balkans and the West would make a great error if it allows Moscow to feel humiliated by NATO's show of force.

The long-term future of this gaggle of fragmented states, republics and provinces must be left to history. It may well be that Bosnia will slowly cease to exist as a functioning republic when, for all practical matters, the Bosnian Serbs will look to Serbia, the Croats to Croatia, and the Muslims will deal economically with whoever they can. For the foreseeable future there may be no tidy solution to any of these worldwide problems of ethnic division. Russia's victory in Chechnya has not made the Chechens love Russians any more, and Moscow has to be content with their nominal agreement not to leave the federation.

Living in a peaceful state of mutual antagonism may just have to be the norm for some places like the Balkans, the Middle East, Northern Ireland or Kashmir and all the international community can hope to achieve is an end to bombings, shellings and killings.

## Terrorism in Halhoul

**W**HETHER the men who killed Salim Azamreh in Halhoul on Friday may be, and whatever they represent, they are cold-blooded, murderous terrorists. Nothing can remotely excuse their act. They killed neither a known culprit nor a suspect nor an enemy soldier, but an innocent man who had done neither nor anyone else any harm. They are no better than knifemen who kill women in the street, or machine gunners who spray passengers of passing vehicles with deadly bullets. They are indistinguishable from the indiscriminate terrorist butchers Israel has been fighting for three-quarters of a century.

There was a time in the history of this violent country when Jews were not protected by the authorities. In the years of Turkish and British rule, Arab terrorists often killed Jews with impunity. The government of those days was lax in enforcing the law, and incompetent in combating organized Arab terrorism. At that time it may have made sense to fight indiscriminate terror with indiscriminate terror; arguably, the

suspension of morality could be forgiven for the sake of security.

But today, the authorities are Israeli, and the security services are doing a spectacular job of tracing, apprehending and punishing Arab terrorists. For others to take the law into their own hands is not only to sabotage Israel's efforts; it is a blow to the state's image. In a perfect world, the Halhoul murder would be accepted for what it is: an aberrant crime committed by fringe crazies for whom the vast majority of Israelis have nothing but contempt.

But at a time in which every internal Israeli incident is magnified into an international event, it is true, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres aptly put it on Friday, that the act is a stain on the body of the nation. It is not only Halhoul which suffered a blow, but Israel's image.

The identity of the killers is unknown, and it would be unjust and unfair to point a finger at any group or area. All Israelis must consider it their sacred duty to help find the murderers and bring them to justice.



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## Heritage before profit

ROBIN TWITE

**E**IN KEREM is unique. Though only six kilometers from Jerusalem, it has maintained its rural character and offers tourists and visitors a taste of the atmosphere of the land as it was in times gone by before Jerusalem became a metropolis.

It is an important tourist attraction linked with both Jewish and Christian history. The terraces on the hills which surround it date back to the time of the Second Temple, and the story of John the Baptist has drawn people to the place for almost 2,000 years. Standing by the spring or looking up at the pines and cypresses on the hillsides, you can still feel something of the quality of the landscape as it was thousands of years ago.

The hills around Ein Kerem are steep and wooded; they are a green space for the people of a city which is becoming increasingly dominated by the automobile and is growing at a headlong pace. They are also home to rare flowers, small mammals, and a variety of birds whose habitat is slowly being diminished by the enlargement of the built-up area of the city.

Every year tens of thousands of people visit the village, walk around its monasteries, climb the hillsides for a view of the village and the surrounding hills, and eat in one of the small restaurants. In spring they walk among almond blossoms, wild cyclamens and the sound of bees; in late summer the air is full of the smell of ripe figs.

Now this national treasure is in danger.

The public authorities' plans for the development of Ein Kerem will, if carried out, destroy the character of the village and its surroundings. The Israel Lands Administration wants to add 140 or so houses to the village, and 1,000 villas on the hills surrounding it and in the valley below it.

This would treble Ein Kerem's population, making it, in effect, part of urban Jerusalem. The hillsides (which form nearly all the open space in the village) would be covered with houses - like the slopes round Ma'ala, which have recently been developed on a massive scale.

The Ministry of Tourism's plans for the village are less destructive but also problematic. A large bus park in the village center, a cafe-

restaurant opposite the spring (a Christian Holy Place in the center of the village and one of the three or four springs in or near Jerusalem which run all the year round), a miniature promenade, and a five-story hotel will destroy the quiet charm which is what brings visitors to Ein Kerem.

Ein Kerem's proximity to the city, and traffic problems caused by the number of visitors and the main road to new settlements such as Beitur, make development almost certain. But the village needs sensitive and comprehensive planning.

### The planned rape of Ein Kerem must be foiled

ning to preserve its appeal to tourists, leave space for those who delight in its natural beauty, and enable the people of the village to maintain their collective identity.

There is no sign of any such approach as plans are put forward piecemeal. And the Israel Lands Administration has unilaterally decided to scrap a thoughtful and generally acceptable plan prepared in the 1980s.

**ONE REASON** for the change of heart may be the rapid rise in the price of land in the village. Obviously the ILA feels that, if plots suitable for 1,000 villas are sold for \$300,000 each, the financial incentive outweighs preservation of the landscape, attraction to visitors, and environmental common sense.

But the ILA is not a private owner. It is a trustee. A trustee for the people of Israel and their children.

If the historic heritage of the people is destroyed now, it can never be replaced.

It's true that there is a need for more housing in Jerusalem; but building 1,000 prestige villas is hardly a major development. More than twice that number of housing units is being added to Tzur Hadesah, and many thousands more at Beitur and Beit Shimon.

In these settlements, the open hills on which buildings will be constructed have a charm of their own, but they aren't significantly different from many others. The

hills of Ein Kerem, on the other hand, are different in quality and in kind. They are unique. The 1,000 villas can be built elsewhere; the beauty of the landscape, once gone, is gone forever.

When the locally elected village council met a senior ILA official last month, he pointed out that, as owner of the land, the ILA could do with it what it pleased. This may in one sense be true (though there are planning procedures, and the Jerusalem municipality certainly has a say in the village's future) but in another it is not.

The future of Ein Kerem is the concern of the people of Israel and of Christians throughout the world. It is a special place that requires special treatment.

Do we still share the idealism of Israel's early years, the spirit which gave rise to the establishment of national parks, the planning of forests, and the sense that every piece of land was in a sense "holy" and had to be used in the best way possible for the good of the people? Or is the lure of \$300,000 a plot simply too much for the public authorities to resist?

Will those in power listen to the voices of the people of Ein Kerem, and its many, many thousands of visitors, or will they be seduced by financial considerations?

The village council will do its best to secure worthwhile planning, and it can count on the help of the Nature Reserves Authority, of bodies such as the Israel Union for Environmental Defense, and, hopefully, the Christian authorities, and the Ministry of Tourism - which needs to support sensitive development if tourists are to be encouraged.

But more than this is required. Hopefully public figures like Jerusalem's Mayor Olmert and Minister of the Environment Sarid will be motivated to take a personal interest in the matter, and do what they can to develop a solution acceptable to all parties.

History, self-interest and simple environmental common sense dictate that any plan for change in Ein Kerem cause us not to weep over the destruction of its beauty, but rejoice that the people of Israel have preserved it.

The writer heads the project on managing political disputes at the Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute.

## I mourn Daniel

YEDIDYA ATLAS

**I** didn't know Daniel Frei, victim of a brutal murder by an Arab terrorist in his home in Ma'aleh Michmas last week.

I don't know his wife, who is lying seriously wounded in the hospital while mourning her husband, the loss of her unborn baby, and her young family's destruction in a moment of terrorist violence.

But they are part of my "greater family," known as the Jewish people.

I mourn them, and I am not alone.

Tragically, both for the Frei family and for the Jewish people, I cannot say the same for our elected leaders. Their silence is deafening.

I listened to the radio news in the period following the murder, and watched the evening news on TV. Nothing.

Is Daniel Frei's death to be ignored as one more "victim of the peace process"? Is his murder so insignificant to the government because he was only a "settler"?

### The silence of Rabin and Peres after the Frei murder was deafening

Is this why there was not even a perfunctory statement of national grief in the name of the prime minister?

And couldn't Foreign Minister Peres have postponed his mad dash to sit with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in order to make further concessions for even one day of mourning?

I RECENTLY had occasion to interview a number of American congressmen during their visit to Israel.

One non-Jewish congressman from a predominantly non-Jewish district, shared his impressions with me following a meeting with the prime minister.

He related his astonishment at Rabin's attitude to the Israeli citizens - alias "settlers" - residing over the Green Line.

"He almost left us with the impression that what was taking place in Judea and Samaria was a nuisance to him," the Congressman said. "That they [the settlers] should stop whining and understand that we [the Israeli government] are not going to be of assistance to them. Almost as if he has mentally given up that territory already."

"Those are pretty strong words," I said.

"Well, he was pretty strong in his characterization," replied the congressman.

"It was almost like he said: 'Hey, they have to understand. We have to move forward with peace. We're not going to be there for them.'"

"I'm sure you've read this and heard this on television with him. He said it to us personally."

"And I could not believe the almost callous approach that he seems to offer to nearly 150,000 Jews living in the administered territories," the congressman concluded.

I could easily understand the congressman's amazement at what he called: "Rabin's callous approach."

After all, in the US, democratically elected national representatives are first concerned about constituents residing in their district - including those who didn't vote for them last time around - and then they worry about the opinions of all American taxpayers.

In the US, once the election is over, all citizens are equal. Democrats don't ignore citizens who voted Republican, nor do Republican representatives ignore the needs of constituents who voted Democrat.

But that's only how it works in America.

The congressman couldn't know what we know from bitter experience: In Israel, it doesn't work that way at all.

So I can understand Rabin's "callous" approach - but I cannot forgive or accept it.

Sadly, the government's lack of response to the dastardly terrorist murder of the late lamented Daniel Frei is only the latest example of what is wrong with this government's selective form of democracy. And I mourn that too.

The writer is a Jerusalem-based freelancer.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RABBI RISKIN'S RECORD

Sir, - Miriam Cohen of Netanya, in an August 24 letter, asks why, if Rabbi Riskin wants to help the Land of Israel, doesn't he fill the empty Negev and Galilee?

The answer is because he has devoted the past 13 years of his life to building a thriving Jewish community in Efrat. He did this at the behest of many Israeli leaders. And he did this on land which every Israeli government until the present one believed would be included within the State of Israel in any peace settlement. In the course of these activities, he inspired many to make aliyah.

Rabbi Riskin's courageous action in opposing the present government is not something he asked for, but something he has been forced to do. In his role as defender of the Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria he continues his long record of service to the Jewish people both within and without Israel.

DR. SHALOM FREEDMAN  
Jerusalem.

### SPORTS NEWS

Sir, - On behalf of all the Aussies now living in Israel, I wish to thank you for your regular printing of the results of our wonderful game of Australian Rules Football. Hopefully, this will continue (together with the League standings) through the finals, and then in following years. You've made a lot of people very happy.

MARION LEVITAS  
Revivim.

### UNTENABLE

Sir, - The map shown in The Jerusalem Post of August 18 and proposed by the Third Way appears to be totally untenable. The delicate curves surrounding the Jewish settlements provide Israel with a border that is many times longer than the present ones, and will be impossible to guard or control.

The map of the Golan, which these people propose to keep, was not shown. Do they think that a similar maze will provide security? It has been pointed out by Rabin that, if a foreign army gets as far as Ariel, then we are doomed, or words to that effect. He and his government are in the process of doing just that, i.e., placing a foreign army that close. It is doubtful that the solution proposed by the Third Way can have a different result.

RA'ANANA.

L.P. HORWITZ

### JERUSALEM 3000

Sir, - The European Union's decision to boycott the Jerusalem 3000 events underscores the intransigent unwillingness of its leaders to accept historic reality when it comes to Jews and Judaism.

Where was Christianity 3,000 years ago? Where was Islam 3,000 years ago?

Following the "logic" of the European Union's leadership, perhaps they could endorse Jerusalem 3000 if it were to pay homage to the Canaanites whose paganism was still pervasive 3,000 years ago.

MILTON GAN  
Los Angeles.

### UNDERSTANDING FROM IRELAND

Sir, - As an Ulster Protestant who has witnessed the terrorist campaign of the IRA in Northern Ireland, I can understand the anger felt by the people of Israel concerning the recent bomb attack which killed innocent people on a bus in Jerusalem.

Although peace must be a prime concern in Israel as it must be in Northern Ireland, governments must not be seen to be giving in to terrorism. The people of Northern Ireland have already been sold down the river to terrorists and let's hope that the people of Israel are never put in a similar position.

I hope to travel to Jerusalem in December to spend what I hope will be a wonderful holiday in your beautiful city and would like to become a penfriend with someone in your city who can befriend me while I am on holiday in Jerusalem. I am 43 years of age, single and have traveled the world. My address is 56 Linley Drive, Mount Alexander, Co. Down, Ulster.

Ulster.

JAMES ANNETT

### EXCELLENT COLUMNIST

Sir, - It is always a pleasure to read your columnist Sraya Shapiro, for he adds a study in depth of personality to his articles. In his article of August 13, "A hat for all occasions, from shreimel to 'kova tembel,'" he outdid himself. The latter is no mean feat.

HANNA ESHKANASI  
Ramat Hasharon.



Three racing pigs go snout to snout as they come through the second turn at the Colorado State Fair. They are (left to right) Forrest Ramp, David Letterham and Engelbert Rumperdink. (AP)



# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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## 'Safe areas' NATO finally takes a stand

BY LEON WIESELTIER

The right thing, at last. In the largest military operation in its history, NATO is raining what Boris Yeltsin calls "a cruel bombardment" on the war machine of the Bosnian Serbs.

The military objective of this air and land assault is to make the "safe areas" finally safe, to diminish or to destroy the power of the Bosnian-Serb ability to attack them, and so the targets are strategic ones, Serb communications centers, Serb arms depots, and the like. The political objective seems twofold: to bring the Bosnian Serbs to the bargaining table and to rescue NATO, the United States, the United Nations, and the possibility of justice from the international oblivion to which they had just about been consigned by the inaction of the West in Bosnia. At this writing, a NATO spokesman is telling CNN that the strikes are "open-ended," that they will "keep going" until their objectives are accomplished, that they denote "a much more robust role for the NATO alliance" in the Balkans.

The world has been made a little saner, especially for the perdurable people of Sarajevo and Gorazde and Tuzla, who may experience a day, or a week, not in the grip of despair. (Their bitterness will never leave them, but it is a mark of intelligence.) To be sure, the savings in Pale continue, as Radovan Karadzic swears to Reuters that "we will win in the end," but he, too, detects a reversal of fortune, and so he sent a letter to Jimmy Carter, who sees into his heart, to announce that he is "prepared to negotiate a comprehensive peace agreement on the basis of the current U.S. peace initiative." A new, improved Karadzic is upon us. Mike Wallace has just returned with an exclusive from Pale, where he discovered that Karadzic is a thoughtful and not altogether unreasonable fellow.

The West has found its resolve, and yet there is the matter of the aforementioned bitter-

ness. For there is nothing that justifies military action now that would not have justified military action before.

"After four years of tragic and terrible warfare," the swelling State Department spokesman tells reporters, "the time has come to end this war." Well, yes; but there is something a little indecent about the words. Those four years might

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have been three years, or two years, if the government of the United States had promptly recognized its moral and strategic responsibilities. Before the swelling continues, it is important to understand that this strong retort to the Bosnian Serbs is not a fulfillment of the previous American policy but a repudiation of it. For this reason we support the administration's course of action, but we will not congratulate the administration for it. It is not too little, but it is too late.

Indeed, the success of the NATO campaign rather definitively gives the lie to the axioms upon which the Clinton-Ghali policy was based. We were told that the Serbs were too powerful to be challenged militarily; but NATO planes, and the heavy British and French guns of the Rapid Reaction Force, have shattered the myth of Serb invincibility, just as the Croatian troops in the Krajina shattered it last month, and revealed that the Serb forces are merely the Republican Guards of the Balkans, a threat exaggerated by soldiers and politicians who have their own reasons for opposing the use of American force. We were told that the loyalties that animated the Serb aggression were too intractable to be met by the prosaic instruments of foreign policy, that this was a conflict too ancient, too far from reason, to be resolved by Western intervention; but the clan of the Serbs has evaporated, and Belgrade wishes to be unburdened of Pale, and a season of opportunism is at hand. We were told that the solution to the Balkan crisis is diplomatic, not military; but now it is plain that diplomacy in the Balkans is nothing without the use of force. We were told that Bosnia is not an American problem but a European problem, that the United States must take a "backseat" and not go "out front" in the resolution of the conflict; but it is America that led the onslaught and it is an American diplomat who is shuffling between the capitals that are required for a peace.

And we were told one other thing: that the appeasement of ethnic cleansing would never matter in American politics. The joke is on Bill Clinton. The timidity that was urged on him by his national security advisers turns out to have been not only bad strategic advice, but also bad political advice. And yikes, there are already straw polls in Iowa. So the NATO campaign is also the Clinton campaign. It isn't Churchill, but it's something.

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## Holocaust denial is now on TV

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Neo-Nazi Holocaust deniers have now found a new forum for their hateful lies. Not content to pollute college newspapers around the country with false advertisements claiming that the Nazi genocide against the Jews is a "hoax," these shameless bigots have now taken to late-night public access television. Cable operators have no choice but to sell time to these well-financed hate mongers. They show neo-Nazi propaganda videos slickly produced around the world which purport to show that Auschwitz and Birkenau were "recreational facilities" rather than death camps. On a recent Monday night on Martha's Vineyard, vacationers were treated to a Holocaust denial harangue by a Canadian Nazi named Ernst Zundell, who wrote a book named "The Hitler We Love and Why."

Not surprisingly, my phone started ringing off the hook that night and for several days thereafter. Irate islanders demanded to know how they could get this madman off the air. I told them not even to try. Freedom of speech — even bigoted and false speech — is guaranteed by our First Amendment on Martha's Vineyard as well as the mainland. But decent people have freedom of speech as well, and we should present the truth about the Holocaust in the open marketplace of ideas.

We do not have the truth so conveniently packaged and ready to air. We must move quickly to open up the marketplace to the competition of truth.

Accordingly, I propose the following response. No decent person should ever dignify a Holocaust denier by debating him directly, just as no decent person would ever debate whether slavery existed in the United States. But we should use the occasion of their falsehoods to educate the public about the truth. A responsibly produced half-hour video should be prepared immediately, documenting in detail the historical record of the Holocaust. Archival footage of the death camps and the post-war trials should be interspersed with statements of the world's leading historians, victims, perpetrators, liberators and other eyewitnesses. The documentary records of the Nazis themselves — who were scrupulous in keeping ledgers, lists, invoices and schedules — should be shown, along with the diaries of death camp commandants and their testimony. The pro-

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ceedings of the Wannasee Conference, at which the genocide was carefully, planned should be displayed against the backdrop of Hitler's speeches promising the "final solution" to the "Jewish problem." The video should be unimpeachable for its accuracy, and every fact should be "triangulated" — that is, proved independently by at least three types of sources, such as documentation, eyewitnesses and confessions. It should also be moving and compelling. It will leave no doubt that millions of Jewish babies, women and men were murdered in gas chambers, mobile killing vans, mass shooting pits, town squares and houses of prayer.

This video should be distributed widely and made available free of charge on college campuses across the country as well as to every public access television station. Every time a Holocaust denier tells his lies, the truth — in the form of this video — should be shown.

Steven Spielberg, who is contributing some of the proceeds from "Schindler's List" to documenting the Holocaust, would be a perfect producer for this project. Much of the material already exists. Some new interviews with historians would have to be videotaped. But the project could be completed in less than a year and for a reasonable budget. Many Americans of all religions, races and backgrounds would be prepared to contribute to such a worthwhile project. I know I would. It would have an incalculable benefit for history and truth.

When the truth of the Holocaust is juxtaposed with the falsity of Holocaust denial, the mendacious debate about one of the greatest tragedies in human history will come to an abrupt end for now and forever. No one but a Nazi or a nincompoop will be able to deny the historical reality of the Holocaust. No college student or late-night TV watcher will take seriously the absurd and bigoted claims of these professional Holocaust deniers. The dual goal of the neo-Nazi Holocaust deniers — to make the Holocaust into a debatable issue now, and to try to win the debate later, when all the victims and perpetrators are dead — will thus be thwarted.

In a free and open democracy like ours, the answer to falsehood is not censorship; it is truth and the marketplace of ideas. We need have no fear that the truth of the Holocaust will be denigrated — if we counter the falsehoods with hard evidence. But in this age of modern communications, we must take the offensive and present our truth in a coherent, concise and compelling format. So let's stop trying to censor Holocaust deniers, and let's start using their freedom of speech as an occasion for educating the public about the historical truth of the Holocaust.

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**PEANUTS.**  
*by SCHULZ*

DUNCE CAPS  
Third floor

WHAT DID YOU PUT DOWN FOR THE FIRST QUESTIONS, MARCIE?

"TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, AND FALSE"

HA! SHE TRICKED YOU, MARCIE! YOU FELL FOR IT! THOSE AREN'T THE ANSWERS!

THEY'RE NOT?

NO! "PERHAPS, FOR SURE, MAYBE, WHO KNOWS, AND DOWN HOME"

HOW ABOUT YOU, FRANKLIN?

"TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, AND FALSE"

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE FOOLED YOU, TOO!

BOY, YOU'RE SHARP, MAMA! YOU FOOLED 'EM ALL!

EIGHT MORE MONTHS 'TIL SUMMER VACATION..

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

**Shrek**  
By JEFF KINNEY

OGRE CALLING CHEAPPRICE!

SUP? SUP?

HOW'S EVERYTHING ON THE INTERNET?  
THIS IS GREAT!

SIE, I'M PRETENDING TO BE A 40-YEAR-OLD ASTRONAUT FOR NAEL.

AND NOW THIS MISLEADS  
SEE, I'M 40-YEAR-OLD FOR MY FLAVOR BLAND.

WHO IS A ROCKET SCIENTIST WITH LOCKESES  
BEEN E-MAILING RE LINE CRACK?

ISN'T THAT AWKWARD?

NOT REALLY.

"SHR" IS PROBABLY A 13-YEAR-OLD BOY TOO.

OH!

THE END

**THE WEASEL**

Panel 1: A large, dark, rectangular block.

Panel 2: The weasel says, "WE CAN'T AFFORD A VACATION THIS YEAR." The boss replies, "OH, WELL..."

Panel 3: The weasel says, "AS WELL AS NEW GRIPS FOR YOUR GOLF CLUBS." The boss replies, "WHAT?"

Panel 4: The weasel says, "I'M GOING DOWN TO THE OFFICE AND DEMAND A RAISE."

Panel 5: The weasel says, "I DEMAND A RAISE!" The boss replies, "OK. HOW DOES A \$100 INCREASE SOUND TO YOU?"

Panel 6: The weasel says, "YOU MEAN IT?" The boss replies, "POSS... SIR..."

Panel 7: The weasel says, "WHAT IS IT?" The boss replies, "IF YOU GIVE HIM THAT MUCH, WE'LL BE BANKRUPT IN 2 YEARS!"

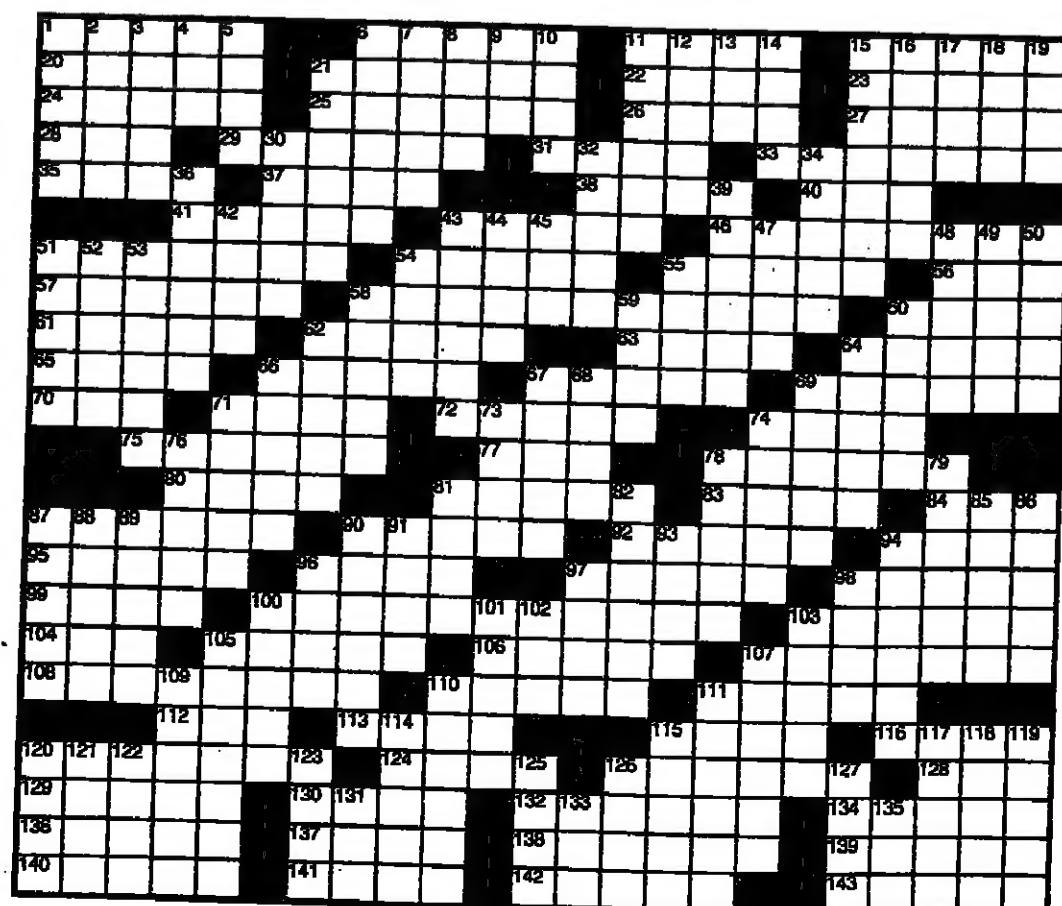
Panel 8: The weasel says, "AH... MAKE THAT A \$50 INCREASE." The boss replies, "HMM..."

Panel 9: The weasel says, "HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT?" The boss replies, "THANKS TO SOME CONSERVATIVE WEASEL FROM THE BACK ROOM, I TOOK A 50 DOLLAR CUT!"

Panel 10: The weasel is shown running away.

DAVE COVERLY

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# Packwood clings to gorilla tactics

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

Male primates are notorious for clinging desperately to social status. An aging alpha chimpanzee seldom cedes the throne to a younger, stronger rival without a knock-down, drag-out fight. And (to take an example closer to home) Sen. Bob Packwood seems determined not to recede gracefully from Washington's corridors of power. Facing allegations of serial slobber-kissing, he now demands a nationally televised showdown with his accusers, rather than quietly accept his fate: Senate censure, the loss of his Finance Committee chairmanship, perhaps even the loss of his senate seat.

This interspecies comparison is not as facile as it sounds. According to evolutionary psychologists, the reason for the extreme male thirst for power is basically the same in chimpanzees as in humans: during evolution, social status, though conducive to genetic proliferation for both males and females, was especially so for males. Early human males who attained high status had more wives or more lovers — thus more offspring — than the next guy. So mutant genes encouraging an inordinate thirst for status flourished, eventually becoming standard equipment in men. Hence, for example, Packwood.

## DEFENSE

In this light, Packwood sympathizers might fashion a Darwinian defense of him. It is natural for men to pursue status and convert it into sex; he just needs to brush up on his conversion technique, do a better job of distinguishing between women who want his tongue in their mouths and women who don't. Indeed, conservative pundit Mona Charen has said roughly as much on TV: congressional womanizers are usually talked about with "a big smile and a smirk"; Packwood's crime was being an "unsuccessful womanizer."

There's some truth to that. Still, this wasn't just garden variety unsuccessful womanizing. There's a difference between slobbering on a woman who is free to slap you to your senses and slobbering on a woman who works for you, as Packwood allegedly did again and again. When a fellow pundit made this point on TV recently, Charen started discussing "sexual harassment" in technical terms, noting that

Packwood didn't fire women who brushed him off. Well, maybe not. But obviously, any woman getting her paychecks via Packwood would feel seriously inhibited from telling him to take a hike when he came looking for sex (or, if she did muster the courage, might feel anxious about the fallout for years). And it's your tax dollars that would be doing the inhibiting. Doesn't that qualify as a misuse of public office?

There's another issue here that, oddly, has gotten little attention. Packwood was married during the period in question. So the affairs he was trying to start (and presumably he succeeded on, say, one in 500 tries) were extra-marital affairs — something lots of Republicans profess intolerance of. They note that many kids are now being reared either without fathers or with inattentive stepfathers, and that many a

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destructive divorce has begun with a casual dalliance. Some of these Republicans further note that politicians can exert, by example, great influence on behavioral norms.

If Packwood were schooled in evolutionary psychology, he would have a reply. Though prominent men are indeed unusually powerful role models, they also have an unusually hard time being good ones. Men are designed to capitalize sexually on any high status they attain; when you carry that aura of power, and draw those admiring glances from nubile women, your neurochemistry strongly urges you to take the next step.

## POWER

Most societies have implicitly accepted this logic. Of the 1,154 societies studied by anthropologists, 980 have been openly polygamous. And extra wives have sometimes been a specific perk of political power. (The four Incan offices from petty chief to full chief were

given ceilings of seven, eight, 15 and 30 women, respectively. Don't tell Bill Clinton.) According to evolutionary psychology, such overt polygamy is closer to the "natural" state of our species than is our officially monogamous society. Indeed, today, when we hold high-powered politicians under extra close scrutiny, expecting them to be less libidinous than medium-status guys, we're asking them to swim directly against the currents of human nature.

Well, tough luck. Resisting nature is part of the whole idea behind our government. Democracy supposedly places limits on what money and other correlates of status can bring. And the "unnatural" institution of monogamy is one of the oldest expressions of this egalitarian spirit; you may be rich and powerful, but you still get only one wife. Thus it's ironic that the breakdown of monogamy is often linked, with some validity, to libertine liberals. For the effects of monogamy's demise are largely right wing: upper-class men claim multiple wives — if in serial, not parallel, fashion — or philander widely. Let the rest of them eat cake.

Politicians get lots of non-sexual perks: World Series tickets, lavish respectful attention, even the chance to elevate humankind. If this isn't enough for them — if they can't stand the burden of today's resurgent puritanism — then they're free to find another calling. Political office in a democracy is a privilege bestowed by society, and society is entitled to attach strings.

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# Amnesia day

BY MORTON KELLER

The past year and more has been a time of heavy remembering. The 50th anniversaries of D-Day and V-E Day, the great moments that marked the end of the Second World War in Europe, passed in procession. In early August, the media took special note of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The most passionate of atom-bomb obsessives had little to complain about. A coterie of left-revisionist historians, who for 30 years had been peddling the view that dropping the bomb was primarily a Truman-Byrnes ploy to get the Japanese war over before the Russians got in, had a field day on the more glib TV outlets.

Then came mid-August, and the moment to celebrate the surrender of Japan. Now was the time to remind Americans of just what they had fought against in the Pacific: a racist, aggressive and cruel Japanese military leadership and a national culture that supported it. The story of the Japanese sack of China and Southeast Asia, its treatment of Western prisoners of war, its hegemonic ideology, cried out for retelling. Not to do so — to dwell extravagantly on the dropping of the atomic bombs and to all but ignore the character of the Japanese regime that brought war in the Pacific — would be the equivalent of discussing the end of the European war by dwelling on the bombing of Dresden, while saying little about the Nazi regime.

Yet that is what happened. Public and commercial television all but ignored the end of the Pacific war. Neither the editorial nor the op-ed columns of *The New York Times* took note of what for the hundreds of millions of people of East Asia was a far more momentous event than the dropping of the atomic bombs. True, aging American vets staged lackluster marches and ceremonies. And a few of their more verbal comrades — James McGregor Burns, Paul Fussell — introduced a note of realism by discussing what a military invasion of Japan might have entailed. But these were minor voices when set against the pervasive silence.

This was more than simple anniversary burnout. The roots of this non-observance may be found in the ideological divide over America's Pacific war. From Pearl Harbor on, the war against Japan has found particular support among former isolationists and Republican conservatives; the war against Nazi Germany among New Dealers, liberals and the American left. Revenge for Pearl Harbor (possibly, the Right came to believe, itself brought on by FDR's machinations), a hatred of the Japanese fueled not only by their perfidy but by their skin color, an ideal right-wing military hero in the person of Douglas MacArthur: all of this made the war against the Japanese the top priority for anti-New Deal Republicans. The war against Nazism, waged in alliance with Stalin's Soviet Union, offered comparable satisfactions to New Dealers and the American Left.

These predilections continued in the postwar years. Conservatives raised an eyebrow over the legality of the Nuremberg trials. Liberals had few such doubts — although they had many more when it came to the trials of Japanese war criminals. The cold war only reinforced these inclinations. It produced, on the right, Joseph McCarthy defending the SS perpetrators of the Malmédy massacre of American POWs and, on the left, a Communist-led peace offensive that focused on the primal evil of the atomic bomb.

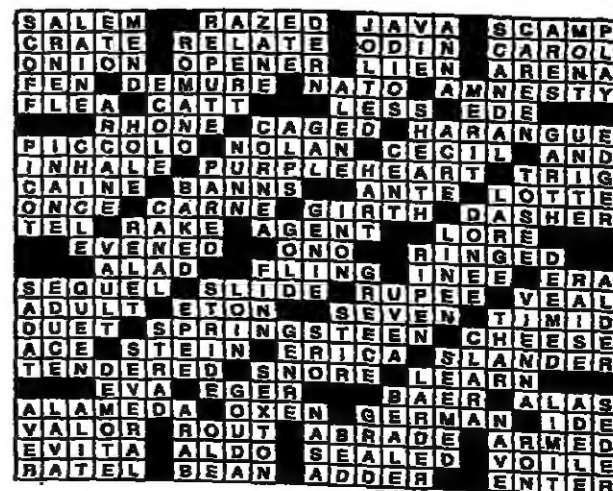
So when anniversary season rolled around last year, it was not surprising that the Left stressed the war in Europe and the dropping of the bomb. But why didn't the Right make more of its ideological patrimony? After all, the anniversary provided an important opportunity to remind Americans that today's realities: a democratic and pacific Japan, peace between Japan and China, and 50 years of real co-prosperity in East Asia, are not the result of some ancient Confucian ethic, or of the inexorable laws of free trade, but of an American political and military presence now imperiled by post-cold war isolationism.

But more important is the fact that over the past half-century the meaning of the victory over Nazism has, if anything, become clearer, more unalloyed. The West's victory in the cold war reinforced the wartime theme of democracy v. totalitarianism. So has German confrontation with and repentance for the crimes of Nazism.

Remembrance of the Pacific war has been more complicated. Liberal guilt over the bomb, and more general regret at the internment of Japanese-Americans has marred, for some, America's victory. And there is a continuing ambiguity, a lack of closure, in our relationship to East Asia that prevents a full-throated commemoration. Our cold war with the Soviet Union is over, yet our relations with China grow frostier by the month. Nor have the Japanese yet confronted their wartime crimes in any way comparable to the Germans. If the German case is any indication, only when Japan does so will its erstwhile enemies, and present-day allies, join them in serious inquiry into that ugly past. Until then, amnesia will remain a malady in both countries.

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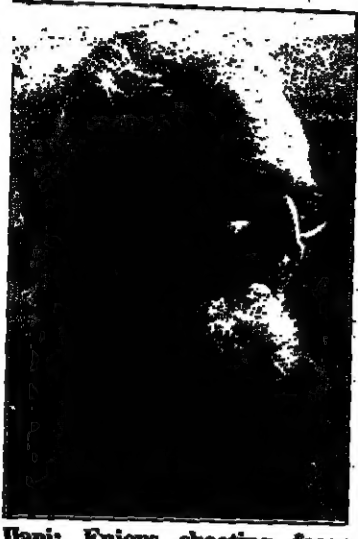
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# Photography that goes beyond stone and mortar

ON CAMERA  
DAVID BRAUNER

I guess it is high time I respond to your letter dated October 23, 1990. Thank you for your birthday wishes on my 80th birthday. Now that I am about to celebrate my 85th birthday, I am getting in touch again, though I did wait



Ilani: Enjoys shooting faces of people of all ages. (Ilani)

five years for this. No explanations forthcoming. Best greetings, etc. etc.

Octogenarian photographer Efraim Ilani's answer to my 1990 letter, beginning and ending as above, popped through On Camera's post box this July. Needless

to say, we were most bemused, and most interested in hearing his story.

Born in Stuttgart, Germany in 1910, Ilani was denied German citizenship because his father came from Russia and was treated as an enemy alien. As a result, the doors of the art academy were closed to him. However, being a "born engineer," he was apprenticed to the Contessa-Nettel Camera Factory, where he became a precision mechanic and toolmaker.

Later, he moved over to the research department of AGFA Cameras. For Christmas, they gave him his first camera. By 1934, Munich, the home of AGFA and the birthplace of National Socialism, "got much too hot for a Jew."

On the "friendly advice" of German friends, Ilani, a Zionist from early boyhood, left for Palestine and arrived at Jaffa Port in 1934.

Blessed with a facility for languages, he quickly learned Hebrew, and soon joined the Hagana, which relocated him to Jerusalem. There, he joined the Mandatory police, after proving himself fit for service by succeeding in the boxing ring.

After 12 years of police work (during which he was secretly "doing his share for the Hagana"), Ilani resigned in order to do what he had always wanted. He began to "use a camera professionally."

He won quick recognition, first working for Czecho-Press, then as a staff photographer for UPI-Acme News Pictures. During



The Western Wall in 1934 was Efraim Ilani's first picture taken in Jerusalem.

those five years, Ilani covered many events which made the headlines and later the history books: the 1948 Ben Yehuda Street and Jewish Agency bomb attacks; the evacuation of the British; the arrival of the last convoy to reach besieged Jerusalem; the Yemenites landing "on eagles wings"; Israel's first Independence Day; and the Knesset's first session in the capital.

In 1951, Ilani found his niche

as the official photographer for the State of Israel Bonds (Development Corporation).

In that capacity, he was given the opportunity to literally record the building of the State by photographing factories, farms, mines, roads, ports and power stations from the Negev to the Galilee.

But Ilani's photography went beyond mere stone and mortar. He sensitively preserved for fu-

ture generations the faces of farmers and laborers sweating at their tasks in the field and on the shop floor. During his 26-year stint working for the Bonds, Ilani became a familiar and much liked face among Israel's leading figures.

On one occasion he was assigned to cover an important meeting between Ben-Gurion and four interlocutors, two on his right and two on his left. Ilani

tells: "I took up my position across from them. After greeting his guests, B-G suddenly turned to me, got very upset, and shouted, 'Why did you do it?' as he touched his chin. Then it dawned on me. I had just taken off my beard, and B-G wanted to know why."

Golda Meir also regularly came before Ilani's lens. Once in a low-light situation, he decided to use a flash. Knowing that it is unpleasant to be "flashed," the photographer said, "Please, don't look at me, Mrs. Meir." She answered, "Why shouldn't I look at you, you handsome man?"

To achieve the cinematic grandeur that characterized his scenes, Ilani often shot from precarious heights: ships' masts; cranes; and the like. His career ended suddenly in 1977 when he fell off an ancient pillar in Jerusalem's Old City and landed in the hospital for four months. He retired and went abroad.

Today, Ilani still photographs, taking "peaceful pictures," especially of his most loved subject: "Faces of people of all ages, which is something I highly recommend to every serious photographer."

Always the demanding craftsman-artist, Ilani divided his time equally between camera and darkroom.

Now, to his deep regret, he can no longer afford to maintain his own lab. He writes, "It is my dream, whenever I buy a lottery ticket, to win enough money to [be able to] end my life working in the dark."

## Cat collars: Keeps fleas away while giving an identity

HEADS 'N' TAILS  
DYORA BEN SHAUL

A number of cat companions have asked about collars for their pets. Some are interested in flea-and-tick collars; others want to know about identity collars.

Flea-and-tick collars are very effective for a cat that goes out of the house and is also brushed and occasionally dusted with an insecticidal powder. They keep a cat free of these pests.

But one needs to be very cautious. Any insecticidal powder and collar must be specifically labeled as "safe for cats." Not every insecticide is suitable. Be absolutely sure that you use only a collar specifically made for cats.

Collars made for cats have a two-cm. strip of elastic between the buckle and the collar strip. This ensures that a cat caught by the collar, while climbing a tree, for example, will not accidentally hang itself - the collar will simply slip over its head.

INDOOR CATS have no need of these collars.

Fleas are not carried into the house on your person or clothing, nor by visitors who have pets. They come either from contact with an animal that has fleas or from rugs, blankets and such where fleas have laid their eggs.

Once the cat has been freed of fleas and all possible sources of eggs have been vacuumed, sunned and, if need be, sprayed with a good insecticidal spray made especially for this purpose, the problem should be solved.

As for ticks, they are highly visible and if one did manage to hitch a ride on your clothing after a walk in bushes and tall grass, it would be easily spotted and removed.

IDENTITY COLLARS for cats, especially outdoor cats, are a good idea, but again be sure that any cat collar has an elasticized section.

The identity disc should be clear and easily read. Don't try to be cute and don't choose ornamental script designs.

The cat's name is far less important than your name, address and telephone number. Be sure the information is up to date.

Not too long ago I found a cat with a collar. The cat had been injured, and there was no one at the old number who could tell me where the owners now lived.

Finding them was a chore that many people wouldn't have been willing to undertake.

Incidentally, there are some cats, especially oriental breeds, that will walk on a leash. A cat harness is preferable to a collar and leash.

It's a lightweight, double figure-of-eight harness that slips over the legs and is snug underneath.

The leash is attached to a small ring where the straps cross behind the shoulder blades.

These harnesses are made of elastic material in whole or in part so that if a cat runs off with its harness, it can easily wriggle free if it finds itself caught on something.

## Third Aliya: Small, short-lived, but everlasting

THE protagonists of the Third Aliya created the Histadrut, the Hagana, the Moshav Ovdim. "They saved the nation's honor!" exclaimed Moshe Beilinson, the editorial writer of the *Davar* daily in 1928.

Beilinson was referring to the years 1919-1924, when the hero of that period was the *halutz*, the pioneer. He was generally a young man in his early twenties and penniless, but stirred by genuine resolve to lay the foundations of a new, reformed Jewish national existence in the land of the forefathers.

The young pioneer encountered endless disappointments.

"Let our young people all over the world know that this land is not a bed of roses," Yosef Haim Brenner wrote in 1920 in *Kuntres*, the Jaffa-based journal for immigrant workers. "The salaries are low. The food is scarce and expensive. Penury looms from every corner. Malaria devours body and soul. Everybody aspires to the future, but meanwhile there's nobody to do the slightest bit of work."

"It should be realized, wherever Jews exist," Brenner continued, "that youths intending to come here must be animated by firm ambition to overcome all hardships by any means."

"Only the *halutz*, whose determination has been ingrained in his personality, should be allowed to come here. He, but no other."

The Third Aliya period is critically examined in *Yunim Ba'aliya Hashlishit* ("Studies in the Third Aliya," Yad Ben-Zvi, 208 pp.), compiled by the late Baruch Ben-Avram, a German-born kibbutnik and teacher at the kib-



Yosef Haim Brenner: Only the 'halutz' should come.

butz college in Haifa, and Henry Near of Kibbutz Beit Ha'emek.

THIS IS a story of tendencies rather than achievements. The pioneer who went to Palestine wanted to work the land; for him, this was the only respectable means of transforming the Diaspora Jew into the independent, dignified Jew of the future. But there were few opportunities for settling on a kibbutz. The Zionist organization had little land to offer. Eighty percent of the pioneers had to wait ... in towns.

The waiting pioneers led a precarious existence, because there were few jobs. Tel Aviv, "with a soft-drink kiosk popping up on every corner," was invariably maligned. To avoid opprobrium for staying in town, a group of hopeful pioneers established a sort of urban kibbutz, named after Dov Ber Borochov, a theo-

THERE AND THEN  
SRAYA SHAPIRO



Ber Borochov: Namesake, inspiration of a community.

retician who promoted the communal restructuring of the nation. The Borochov Quarter exists to this day, though as just a Givatayim neighborhood, but was not followed by others.

Radicals among the pioneers established Gdud Ha'avoda, the Work Battalion at four kibbutzim in the Jezreel Valley and upper Galilee. In the early 1920s, they wanted the battalion's communal structure to spread to all other communal settlements and eventually become the mode of living for all Jewish inhabitants of the National Home.

Joining the Gdud was, of course, voluntary; its internal discipline was unequivocal. "We shall disown the capitalist notion



Moshe Beilinson: Rejoiced over the pioneers' arrival.

that the workers prefer a penny to the general good; we shall ensure in the battalion that the individual behaves for the general benefit." Eliahu Golomb warned sternly.

The inspiration was clearly revolutionary, a tendency to which many Russian-born pioneers had been exposed in their youth. Yosef Trumpeldor, the venerated champion of the *halutz*, fully endorsed the Communist dream, though it was different from the Russian paragon: it was unreservedly Zionist in nature.

Another leader, David Remez - who was destined to become the Histadrut secretary-general - said clearly: "What is important for us here [in Palestine] at this



Eliahu Golomb: Exalted the general good over earnings.

stage is not the style of living but the means to buttress our national identity."

THE NATIONALISTIC trend ultimately prevailed in the *halutz*-dominated society. Mendel (Menahem) Elkind and his comrades, who formed the hard kernel of Gdud Ha'avoda, returned to the Soviet Union, where most of them were "liquidated" within a few years. The Gdud dissolved shortly afterwards, under the pressure of the non-Communist Histadrut and the hardships of life. They could not go on starving themselves while other pioneers were being paid, a former member explained.

The Arabs' antagonism toward the Jewish arrivals also confused the pioneer. He genuinely believed he was coming to help these distant cousins of his whose progress had been delayed by an

unfortunate turn of history.

The Zionist leadership had given little thought to the Arab question, and offered no clear solutions. Nobody doubted for a moment the Jews' right to Eretz Yisrael. Ze'ev Jabotinsky extolled the predominance of culture: "Culture conquers and rules."

Haim Arlosoroff, shocked by the Arab riots and massacre of Jews in 1921, wrote that a deal should be reached with the Arabs, but did not elaborate. David Ben-Gurion had his doubts about the possibility of striking such a deal at the time, but insisted, "Just tell them we are here."

Chaim Weizmann realized that the British, whose help he sought, were nonplussed by what they had seen among Jews in Palestine. He explained to Herbert Samuel, the first high commissioner in Jerusalem, that "these young men" suffered unruly conditions they had known in Russia and would change in the new circumstances. Incidentally, he also assured a British general that the Jerusalem Jewish crowds would show their inherent "intellectual power" when they are exposed for two or three years to "proper education."

Only about 30,000 immigrants settled in Palestine in the five years of the Third Aliya, one-fifth of the expected number. Less than half of them were "pioneers." The hardships they encountered were such that at some periods the number of emigrants exceeded that of immigrants. But somehow, a minority weathered the absorption storm to maintain the myth of mass aliya. They saved this country for a Jewish future.

## The macho image isn't too proud for plastic surgery

MACHISMO might not have died yet, but in one of Latin America's most vain societies, it is old enough for a nip and tuck.

The Argentine male, who used to be satisfied with a youthful-looking woman on his arm, now is often seeking out a plastic surgeon for himself.

The trend extends to some of Argentina's most famous and most powerful men.

"I had an operation to remove my double chin because I wanted to look good for my wife," says 34-year-old soccer star Diego Maradona, who had no qualms about showing his bandaged face in public after surgery in June.

President Carlos Menem wasn't as forthcoming in 1991, when he explained away suddenly swollen cheeks as a reaction to a wasp sting. A close friend, businessman Jorge Antonio, even corroborated the story with detail: "He was standing by a nest of wild bees and a huge yellow, blue and black wasp stung him before he could brush it off."

Menem later grudgingly admitted that he had had plastic surgery to fill out his cheeks. His predecessor, president Raul Alfonsin, whose baggy eyes were the delight of cartoonists, caused a stir in 1992 when he suddenly appeared in public without the bags.

Although there are no official figures, surgeons estimate that 30,000 people undergo plastic surgery in Buenos Aires every year, and one-third of them are men.

Some men see surgery as a way of restoring seductive powers, while others think it will increase their chances for getting a promotion at work. Still others see it as an external solution for internal psychological hang-ups, says surgeon Dr. Daniel Asbi.

"The old-time macho is a dying breed," says Dr. Juan Carlos Pintos Barbieri, a Buenos Aires plastic surgeon. "Now men want chin and tummy tucks, nose jobs, neck jobs and face-lifts."

"It's the wives or girlfriends who bring them in," he says. "In the past, it was the women who felt obliged to come in to please their partners. Now, men realize they too have to take care of themselves."

Argentine men, likewise, are joining women in aerobics classes and giving up their old-fashioned barbers for hair stylists.

Dr. Abel Chajchir, president of the Association of Plastic Surgeons and the self-confessed "wasp" that stung Menem, said the motivation for men and women is the same.

"In a competitive world like ours, everybody must look young," he said. (AP)



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# 1995-96 Basketball Season Preview

## MACCABI TEL AVIV

Coach: Ralph Klein.  
RON ANDERSON, RADISAV CURCIC, Doron Jamchee, Nadav Henefeld, Guy Goodes, Oded Katash, Motti Daniel, Mickey Berkowitz, Tomer Steinhauer, Brad Leaf, Barak Uzan, Jeff Kent, Omer Be'eri, Alon Ben-Zakan.

Is this the year Maccabi Tel Aviv returns to the European Cup finals? It just could be, provided old/new coach Ralph Klein can figure out how to get 10 talented players to share one ball.

On paper, Maccabi should run away from the rest of the league. Talented Katash — a 50.5% shooter from three-point range last year and a major reason for the success of Hapoel Galil Elyon the past two seasons — is on hand to spell starting point guard Goodes (4.8 assists per game last year), who himself made some important strides, especially as a scorer, last season. Klein may even opt to use both in the backcourt at once.

Ten-year NBA veteran Ron Anderson will be the Go To Guy for Maccabi when the chips are down. In recent years, Maccabi's offense has often gotten bogged down just when some scoring punch was desperately needed. Look for Anderson, 37, 2.01, and the leading scorer in the French league last year with a 25.9 average, to be the answer.

The only question is how this will affect Jamchee (18.1 ppg last year but way below that in pre-season play this year), who'll be forced to concentrate more on the rest of his game rather than shooting. Though he may never be a great defender, in recent years he's shown more of a willingness to drive to the hoop — he'll have to do more of that this season.

Curcic proved to be the bull in the middle that Maccabi needed — a good rebounder and an intimidating presence on defense. His offense, however, leaves a good deal to be desired. Close to the basket, he does fine, but otherwise his offensive repertoire is limited, and he averaged only 13.8 ppg in the league.

Henefeld showed signs of more offensive initiative in the European Championships, and it is hoped it will carry over to the regular season. Henefeld does a multitude of little things to win ball games, and is the team's best defender, but needs to score more.

On paper, Steinhauer (6.1 rebounds per game) is a major reason for Maccabi's Terry Fair as Curcic's backup. But Steinhauer has a big adjustment to make to roleplaying after years as a starter, a problem shared by several of Maccabi's off-season acquisitions.

Adding Brad Leaf to the roster was a brilliant move since Leaf (17.3 ppg) can play at both forward and guard if necessary. Once considered the Israeli equivalent of Larry Bird for his court savvy, Leaf has aged a bit, but still should improve Maccabi's bench immeasurably.

That's hard to do, since Motti Daniel (13.8 ppg) is the league's best sixth man, and would start on any other team. Daniel's offensive firepower off the bench is vital, and Klein might even want to consider giving him a start or two.

There's also Mickey Berkowitz, whose presence on the bench will probably be more inspirational than anything else.

As for Klein himself, many were calling him "The Wizard" when he took over the coaching of Hapoel Holon last year and the previously disgruntled squad suddenly ran off a long winning streak. While Holon later faltered, internal dissension that brewed all season was more to blame than Klein's coaching.

## HAPOEL JERUSALEM

Coach: Pini Gershon.  
BILLY THOMPSON, NORRIS COLEMAN, Adi Gordon, Doron Shefi, Pini Levy, Shalom "Papi" Turgeman, Hubert Roberts, Jonathan Dalzell, Ro'i Eyal, Carmiel Springer, Oren Sadeh, Assaf Levy, Zohar Nahmias.

Call 'em Hapoel Deja Vu Jerusalem. Prodigal sons Gordon, Shefi, and Levy have returned to the capital after a frustrating year in Holon and they brought team patron Nahum Manbar with them. Foreign player Coleman is back, too. Manbar's planning to build a 5,000 seat arena in the capital, and his open-checkbook policy has Jerusalemites excited about the prospects of challenging Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Coleman's back after a somewhat disappointing season with Maccabi Tel Aviv (17.8 ppg), but should thrive in Jerusalem, where he had his best seasons. Thompson (18.6 ppg, 10.6 rebounds a game) showed he can do it all last year: hit 3's, rebound, block shots and inspire his teammates. The two — both fine outside shooters — need to focus on the inside game to keep defenders honest, since Jerusalem has so much three-point firepower, opposing clubs like to stay outside to prevent the long-range game.

Hubert Roberts likes to take it to the hoop, and is a fine rebounder and defender, giving Jerusalem a much better replacement big man than the departed Amir Bino.

Shefi's addition gives Jerusalem one of the league's best shooters (50% last year from 3-point land).

Gordon could probably get elected mayor over Ehud Olmert in the next election. Jerusalem fans adore him, and that relationship should inspire him to return to his pre-mononucleosis Jerusalem form. When his three-point shot is going, Gordon is unstoppable, but he's still trying to regain his once magical touch and was only 33.7% from outside the arc last year.

Judging from the pre-season, Papi Turgeman is fully recovered from his knee injury which essentially ended Jerusalem's campaign early last year.

Turgeman gives Jerusalem one of the most potentially explosive backcourts in the league. His 6.8 assists per game led the league last year, but he still needs to avoid unnecessary turnovers. His moves to the basket are outstanding.

Waiting in the wings is selfless Jonathan Dalzell, a great pure shooter who may also be the team's best defensive player.

Jerusalem's best off-season acquisition may have been coach Gershon. Although his Galil Elyon squad finally ran out of gas against Maccabi Tel Aviv in the finals, Gershon is considered one of the most creative coaches in the game.

## BNEI HERZLIYA

Coach: Muli Katzurin.  
DAVID THIRDKILL, JOHN HUDSON, Amir Katz, Koren Amisha, Lior Arditi, Ofer Fleischer, Amir Mukhtari, Ami Nawi, Seve Malovic, Amir Doron, Eran Malach, Yedid Scharf.

## Maccabi Tel Aviv still in a league of its own

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

MACCABI Tel Aviv, then all the rest. That's what many local pundits predicted for this year's season, scheduled to start tonight.

As far back as June, Maccabi picked many of the league's leading players to pad its bench.

So far in the preseason, Maccabi's embarrassment of riches has been more embarrassing than riches, but the defending champions are likely to show their real form soon.

If they run into trouble, there will be no one to turn to for some of their players, since this is the first season in which clubs can replace Israeli players on the roster. Between the fifth and 11th rounds, teams can swap out or add players, provided they adhere to the roster limit.

Financial problems have cut down several former powerhouses, notably Hapoel Galil Elyon, Hapoel Holon, and Maccabi Rishon LeZion. None are expected to make it to the Final Four. Below are team rosters and a team-by-team analysis, with foreign players in capital letters.

Teams are listed in their predicted order of finish.

Some shrewd off-season moves, most notably the addition of Thirkill and Arditi, have given Herzliya two more defensive stalwarts, while Fleischer, Mukhtari and Malovic add additional height. Katzurin also brings his Maccabi Tel Aviv experience back with him to Herzliya, where he coached previously.

However, the addition of Arditi and Thirkill (19.5 ppg) to the backcourt must have Koren Amisha wondering just what he has to do to compete a full-time job. They'll have to find time for super shooter Amir Katz (20.5 ppg) to lead Israeli players in the league, 92.4% from the foul line, who's recovering from an injury and who has had his share of run-ins with Arditi. Look for Thirkill to occasionally play forward to solve the backcourt logjam. Hudson (18.3 ppg, 8.4 rebounds) is one of the best foreigners in the league, and Thirkill should flourish away from the turmoil that characterized Hapoel Holon.

## HAPOEL EILAT

Coach: Efi Bilbaum.  
LAWRENCE FENDERBURKE, J.J. EUBANKS, Dror Cohen, Shimon Amsalem, Rotem Elish, Avi Rosenberg, Willie Sims, Eyal Hal, Nir Matzalon, Guy Kantor, Avi Peretz, Itai Maimon.

Hapoel Eilat is always hard to figure. Each season brings renewed optimism, but so far, they haven't made it to the Final Four.

This year's no different, with the return of Fenderburke and scoring machine Eubanks raising expectations. Fenderburke will be a major improvement on Brian Rawson underneath if he can avoid injuries. The 6-foot-7 former Ohio State star had surgery on both knees before his senior year in college, and was eventually drafted by the Sacramento Kings. He sat out most of the pre-season with an injury, but is expected to be an impact player in the league.

He'll be helped considerably up front by the presence of Dror Cohen, who was outstanding for Maccabi Jerusalem last year, and Shimon Amsalem.

Adding coach Bilbaum was a shrewd move, as well. He may talk a lot, but he proved he's as good as his word when he correctly predicted his Bnei Herzliya, who would whip Holon in the State Cup last year.

## HAPOEL HOLON

Coach: Hanoeh Mitzel.  
SHELTON JONES, MILTON WAGNER, Yehuda Elimelech, Niv Bogin, Viki Revach, Faban Lippman, Ahia Molcho, Yariv Yatzkan, Yosef Saper, Ro'i Tsur, Arik Evirot, Eli Balout, Yaniv Rokni.

Local products used to rule the roost in Holon, with the great youth teams regularly contributing starting players to the senior division squad.

Now that patron Nahum Manbar has taken his checkbook to Jerusalem after a year in Holon, that spirit is being revived, especially with the return of local hero Elimelech to the scene.

Back with him are former Holon players Bogin and Balout, while foreigner Milton Wagner knows the league and has shown pre-season signs of being intent on improving on a somewhat disappointing season last year.

Shelton "The Helicopter" Jones is back, at least until mid-October when he hopes to try out for the Miami Heat. They may no longer be the Rich Kids on the Block, but Holon's combination of home-grown talent and foreigners could surprise.

## MACCABI RISHON LEZION

Coach: Roni Bossani.  
BRIAN OLIVER, JAMES GULLY, Gilad Simhon, Zvi Horvitz, Ben Bassat, Ze'ev Chubert, Danny Gott, Mickey Mermelstein, Eyal Balout, Moshe Brenner.

Once one of the most financially well-run squads in the league, Maccabi Rishon LeZion was forced to do without Brian Roberts. The cutting and Roberts' departure were enough for coach Moshe Brenner to quit during the pre-season.

Rishon remains one of those in-between teams: they're not good enough to make the Final Four spot, but could also end up in the middle of the pack.

Gully is a bull under the boards (12.4 rebounds a game last year in the league last year), and the addition of Simhon, a former NBA player, should help the team's situation, but foreigner Oliver's still a question mark. Danny Gott continues to define the term scrappy, but starts the season injured. Rishon appears a player or two short of challenging for a Final Four spot.

## HAPOEL GALIL ELYON

Coach: David Blatt.  
ANDREW KENNEDY, PANCRO HODGES, Gur Shelef, Eliezer "Lazy" Gordon, Assaf Dotan, Kobi Shapira, Oren Amiel, Alon Stein, Mark Carver, Avi Katon, Avishai Gordon, Shahar Nahmias.

Poor David Blatt. He finally lands the coaching job after serving as Pini Gershon's assistant, then watches financial difficulties send most of the team packing.

Blatt's got Andrew Kennedy (21.3 ppg for Eilat last year) back, and crazy "Lazy" Gordon (4.2 assists per game) at the point, but mostly youngsters after that. There's talent among them, particularly Shelef, but the overall lack of experience means it could be a long season up North, with fans looking for a new Messiah to appear. It isn't likely to happen.

## HAPOEL TEL AVIV

Coach: Yair Sharon.  
NANAN MARKOVITCH, RADENKO DOVROSH, James Terry, Meir Tapiro, Calvin Roberts, Yuval Ashkenazi, Avi Mizrahi, Yaniv Gold, Assaf Harari, Yon Bar, Ziv Tavor, Yisrael Sheinfeld, Or Rozavich, Gil Mosenson.

Can a Serb and a Croat find happiness together? Time will tell, but if they don't, Hapoel Tel Aviv could find itself dropping towards the bottom of the standings.

Financial woes caught up with the boys in red over the summer, making lean, mean and young the order of the day. Coach Sharon's options appear to be give the ball to Markovich or Dovrosh and hope for a basket. Arditi is sure to be sorely missed, and James Terry needs help underneath. Either Markovich or Dovrosh will have to play small forward to make way for rising star Meir Tapiro. It looks like it's going to be a long year at Ussishkin.

## MACCABI JERUSALEM

Coach: Yoram Harush.  
JOE DAWSON, LAMONT STROTHERS, Gilad Katz, Uri Cohen-Mintz, Terry Pate, Assaf Harari, Assaf Levy, Micha Shapira, Avner Saban, Damien Burstein, Shahar Cohen, Usik Ben-Azar.

Out of the off-season ashes, Maccabi Jerusalem arose as an improved team in some areas, weaker in others. However, considering that at one point this summer it looked like the team might never even show up for league play, there's much to be thankful for.

Evergreen foreigner Dawson (21.5 ppg), who will become a citizen next year, is now team captain, but showing signs of aging. Lamont Strothers (21.6 ppg) should be better than Sam Green, but Green had a better touch from outside and Maccabi needs some perimeter shooting help.

Katz replaces Simhon at point guard, and it's still questionable whether that's an improvement. Losing Dror Cohen, one of the league's most promising big men, certainly didn't help, but adding Cohen-Mintz, who's back after a year on the University of Connecticut bench, will.

If Barnea recovers from his history of nagging injuries, he could also make a difference. Bar's always good to have around to mug opposing big men, but if he's being counted on for scoring punch, Jerusalem will be in trouble. Harush's club surprised many teams in the second half of last season; they'll find that harder to do this year.

## MACCABI RAMAT GAN

Coach: Eli Kenedi.  
DAVID HENDERSON, PETEY SESSOMS, Amos Frishman, David Brooks, Yaron Lahat, Desi Barnome, Art Hamsey, Zion Cuba, Favel Filomenko, Assaf Lev, Eran Klein, Yossi Baratz.

Wind them up and watch them finish in the middle of the standings. That seems to happen every year, no matter who's playing for or coaching them, but this year it will be a struggle.

Henderson's played here before. Old Dominion grad Sessoms is NCAA-tournament tested. Frishman (only 2.9 assists per game last year) has something to prove, and Desi Barnome can play, but you have to wonder about the rest of the club. Art Hamsey, who played for Hapoel Ramat Gan as a foreigner years back, returns, but he's now 37.

## HAPOEL SAFED

Coach: Moshe Gershon.  
MELVIN NEUBERN, REDRIC GULLIVER, Erez Hazan, Nir Richlis, Jerry Simon, Steve Panovka, Eli Haber, Uri Moshinsky, Eran Sahar, Yaniv Weizman, Barak Peleg, Or Schwartz, Elad Chiplik.

If Galil fans miss some of last year's stars, they can take a quick drive to Safed. Coach Moshe Gershon wisely added veteran Hazan to the roster, and big man Panovka is also an ex-Galil Elyon player.

Hazan is a great player to build around, and still has a deadly three-point shot. If foreigners Gulliver, 2.06, formerly of Maccabi Haifa and Neubern pen out, Safed could make the lower playoffs.

## HAPOEL QVAT

Coach: Zvi Horvitz.  
STEVE THOMPSON, DERRICK GERVIN, Menahem Atlas, Gili Schwartz, Mor Ne'eman, Sharon Touboul, Guy Zano, Sharon Avrahami, Ma'an Tahan, Or Rozavich, Assaf Marko, Costa Gurman.

Steady, feisty Qvat, which always staves off relegation, may not make it this year. The team's financial problems and a local dispute between Migdal Ha'emek and Hapoel Valley officials have left the club in disarray.

The situation led to several players departing, which in turn led to the resignation of coach Gadi Kedar, who did so well with Hapoel Jerusalem last season.

Former Syracuse University star Steve Thompson will join the club once he completes commitments to his CBA club. Meanwhile, Rodney Monroe will fill in. Menahem Atlas gets a chance to be a star, but that's unlikely to be enough to get Qvat out of the basement. The talented Zano is also being relied upon to see to it that Qvat doesn't become this season's Bnei Ramat Gan, i.e., the doormats of the league.

## 1995-96 National Basketball League Schedule

\*Dates are often subject to change (home teams listed first)

1. Sunday, September 10  
Mac Rishon - Hap Gvat  
Hap Safed - Hap Eilat  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Galil  
Hap Holon - Bnei Herzliya  
Monday, September 11  
Hap Tel Aviv - Hap Jerusalem  
Tuesday, September 12  
Mac Ramat Gan - Mac Tel Aviv
2. Sunday, September 17  
Hap Gvat - Mac Tel Aviv  
Bnei Herzliya - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Galil - Hap Holon  
Hap Eilat - Mac Jerusalem  
Hap Jerusalem - Mac Safed  
Mac Rishon - Hap Tel Aviv
3. Sunday, October 1  
Hap Tel Aviv - Hap Gvat  
Hap Safed - Mac Rishon  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Jerusalem  
Hap Holon - Hap Eilat  
Mac Ramat Gan - Hap Galil  
Mac Tel Aviv - Bnei Herzliya
4. Wednesday, October 18  
Hap Gvat - Bnei Herzliya  
Hap Galil - Mac Tel Aviv  
Hap Eilat - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Jerusalem - Hap Holon  
Mac Rishon - Mac Jerusalem  
Hap Tel Aviv - Hap Safed
5. Sunday, October 22  
Hap Safed - Hap Gvat  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Tel Aviv  
Hap Holon - Mac Rishon  
Mac Ramat Gan - Hap Jerusalem  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Eilat  
Bnei Herzliya - Hap Galil
6. Sunday, October 29  
Hap Gvat - Hap Galil  
Hap Eilat - Bnei Herzliya  
Hap Jerusalem - Mac Tel Aviv

Mac Rishon - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Tel Aviv - Hap Holon  
Hap Safed - Mac Jerusalem

7. Sunday, November 26  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Gvat  
Hap Holon - Hap Safed  
Mac Ramat Gan - Hap Tel Aviv  
Mac Tel Aviv - Mac Rishon  
Bnei Herzliya - Hap Jerusalem  
Hap Galil - Hap Eilat
8. Sunday, December 3  
Hap Gvat - Hap Eilat  
Hap Jerusalem - Hap Galil  
Mac Rishon - Bnei Herzliya  
Hap Tel Aviv - Mac Tel Aviv  
Hap Safed - Mac Ramat Gan  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Holon
9. Sunday, December 10  
Hap Holon - Hap Gvat  
Mac Ramat Gan - Mac Jerusalem  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Safed  
Bnei Herzliya - Hap Tel Aviv  
Hap Eilat - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Galil - Hap Jerusalem
10. Sunday, January 14  
Hap Gvat - Hap Jerusalem  
Mac Rishon - Hap Eilat  
Hap Galil - Hap Galil  
Hap Safed - Bnei Herzliya  
Mac Jerusalem - Mac Tel Aviv  
Hap Holon - Mac Ramat Gan
11. Sunday, January 21  
Mac Ramat Gan - Hap Gvat  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Holon  
Bnei Herzliya - Mac Jerusalem  
Hap Galil - Hap Safed  
Hap Eilat - Hap Tel Aviv  
Hap Jerusalem - Mac Rishon
12. Sunday, January 28  
Hap Gvat - Mac Rishon  
Hap Jerusalem - Hap Tel Aviv  
Hap Eilat - Hap Safed  
Hap Galil - Mac Jerusalem

Bnei Herzliya - Hap Holon  
Mac Tel Aviv - Mac Ramat Gan

13. Sunday, February 4  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Gvat  
Mac Ramat Gan - Bnei Herzliya  
Hap Holon - Hap Galil  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Eilat  
Hap Safed - Hap Jerusalem  
Hap Tel Aviv - Mac Rishon
14. Sunday, February 11  
Hap Gvat - Hap Tel Aviv  
Mac Rishon - Hap Safed  
Hap Jerusalem - Mac Jerusalem  
Hap Eilat - Hap Holon  
Hap Galil - Mac Ramat Gan  
Bnei Herzliya - Mac Tel Aviv
15. Sunday, February 18  
Bnei Herzliya - Hap Gvat  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Galil  
Mac Ramat Gan - Hap Eilat  
Hap Holon - Hap Jerusalem  
Mac Jerusalem - Mac Rishon  
Hap Safed - Hap Tel Aviv
16. Sunday, March 10  
Hap Gvat - Hap Safed  
Hap Tel Aviv - Mac Jerusalem  
Mac Rishon - Hap Holon  
Hap Jerusalem - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Eilat - Mac Tel Aviv  
Hap Galil - Bnei Herzliya
17. Sunday, March 17  
Hap Galil - Hap Gvat  
Bnei Herzliya - Hap Eilat  
Mac Tel Aviv - Hap Jerusalem  
Mac Ramat Gan - Mac Rishon  
Hap Holon - Hap Tel Aviv  
Mac Jerusalem - Hap Safed
18. Sunday, March 24  
Hap Gvat - Mac Ramat Gan  
Hap Safed - Hap Holon  
Hap Tel Aviv - Mac Ramat Gan  
Mac Rishon - Mac Tel Aviv  
Hap Jerusalem - Bnei Herzliya

Hap Eilat - Hap Galil

National Basketball League			
1994-95 Final Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
1. Maccabi Tel Aviv	25	5	.833
2. Hapoel Galil Elyon	18	8	.688
3. Hapoel Tel Aviv	16	8	.667
4. Hapoel Rishon LeZion	17	9	.654
5. Bnei Herzliya	16	10	.615
6. Hapoel Jerusalem	14	12	.538
7. Hapoel Eilat	14	12	.538
8. Hapoel Safed	13	13	.500
9. Hapoel Qvat	10	16	.385
10. Hapoel Holon	6	20	.231
11. Hapoel Ramat Gan	6	20	.231
12. Hapoel Gvat	6	20	.231
13. Hapoel Herzliya	6	20	.231
14. Hapoel Jerusalem	0	20	.000

## Maccabi's European path clear; others face serious roadblocks

IT SHOULD be smooth sailing for Maccabi Tel Aviv to the final pool of the European Club Championships this season, but rough going for Israel's other representatives in European play.

That could be especially bad news this year, which is pivotal for Israeli teams' inclusion in the planned European super league, which starts play next season.

The number of Israeli teams in that league will be largely determined by how local clubs fare in European play this coming season. So far, based on last year's, Israel is in eighth place, which would give it two teams in the Super League. Countries earning a ninth place or lower ranking receive only one Super League team, hence the importance of a good 1995-96 showing.

The European wars are attracting increasingly large numbers of former NBA players. Among those expected to see action this year are former Atlanta Hawk and Boston Celtic Dominique Wilkins with Panathinaikos (now that he's released from Boston was okayed), Doc Rivers, Orlando Woolridge (Buckler Bologna), Manute Bol and others.

Maccabi received a bye in the first preliminary round and will meet the winner of the contest between Romania's Sibiu and Albania's Tirana. The first leg will be away on September 28, while the return leg at Yad Eliahu is set for October 5.

League runner-up Hapoel Galil Elyon will also be in the club championships, but will have a much harder time of it. They started off with a loss to Finland's Kuopio Thursday night, and face them at home on Wednesday. However, with the season's must face Iraklis Salonika, third-place finishers in the tough Greek league last year. The Greeks would

also enjoy the home-court advantage in that matchup, scheduled for Kfar Blum September 28 and Greece on October 5.

In European Cup competition, State Cup winner Bnei Herzliya got a bye in the first preliminary round and was expected to face Yugoslavia's Spartak Subotica, fifth-place finishers in the tough Yugoslavian league and expected to easily beat Romania's Cluj in first round play. If the Yugoslavs advance as expected, coach Muli Katzurin's club will play them on the road on September 26, and at home in early October.

Israel's entries into Korac Cup play have been weakened by financial problems. Hapoel Tel Aviv got a bye in the first round, and plays the winner of the Villeurbanne (France)-Manchester (England) game away on September 27 and at home on October 4. Rod Star Belgrade is a likely opponent if Hapoel Tel Aviv makes it to the third preliminary round.

Maccabi Rishon LeZion got off on the wrong foot against Odessa Wednesday night, losing 87-78, but the nine-point deficit may be surmountable this Wednesday at home.

If they advance, they play the winner of the matchup between Slovakia's Pezinok and Denmark's Brondby (September 27 away, October 4 at home). If Rishon survives to the third round, they likely will run into Turkish buzzsaw Efes Pilsen.

Hapoel Holon also started with a loss, but only by six points, 82-76 to Nicosia — an advantage they should easily be able to overcome at home this Wednesday night. However, a win only earns them a tough matchup with Filadelfia Bologna (September 27 at home, October 4 in Italy), whose 23-9 record in the Italian league earned them a fourth-place finish.

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WALL STREET REPORT

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

## MUTUAL FUNDS

## Flexible

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	1995 (%)	1994 (%)	1993 (%)	1992 (%)	1991 (%)	1990 (%)	1989 (%)	1988 (%)	1987 (%)	1986 (%)	1985 (%)	1984 (%)	1983 (%)	1982 (%)	1981 (%)	1980 (%)	1979 (%)	1978 (%)	1977 (%)	1976 (%)	1975 (%)	1974 (%)	1973 (%)	1972 (%)	1971 (%)	1970 (%)	1969 (%)	1968 (%)	1967 (%)	1966 (%)	1965 (%)	1964 (%)	1963 (%)	1962 (%)	1961 (%)	1960 (%)	1959 (%)	1958 (%)	1957 (%)	1956 (%)	1955 (%)	1954 (%)	1953 (%)	1952 (%)	1951 (%)	1950 (%)	1949 (%)	1948 (%)	1947 (%)	1946 (%)	1945 (%)	1944 (%)	1943 (%)	1942 (%)	1941 (%)	1940 (%)	1939 (%)	1938 (%)	1937 (%)	1936 (%)	1935 (%)	1934 (%)	1933 (%)	1932 (%)	1931 (%)	1930 (%)	1929 (%)	1928 (%)	1927 (%)	1926 (%)	1925 (%)	1924 (%)	1923 (%)	1922 (%)	1921 (%)	1920 (%)	1919 (%)	1918 (%)	1917 (%)	1916 (%)	1915 (%)	1914 (%)	1913 (%)	1912 (%)	1911 (%)	1910 (%)	1909 (%)	1908 (%)	1907 (%)	1906 (%)	1905 (%)	1904 (%)	1903 (%)	1902 (%)	1901 (%)	1900 (%)	1899 (%)	1898 (%)	1897 (%)	1896 (%)	1895 (%)	1894 (%)	1893 (%)	1892 (%)	1891 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# Mount of Olives murder of priest ires Christians

CHRISTIAN leaders in Jerusalem are furious over the murder Friday of a 75-year-old priest at a Mount of Olives church, resulting from what they charge was the lack of police protection there and at other Christian holy sites in the city.

Brother Biagio Grassi was found dead Friday afternoon at Bethphage Church. A police spokeswoman said the church was burglarized, and Grassi was either killed or fell to his death during the burglary.

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Grassi's forehead was bruised, but it remains unclear if he was beaten or fell. His body was sent to the National Forensics Institute at Abu Kabir.

The church was ransacked, and holy articles and alms were found scattered on the floor. Clergymen and police tried over the weekend to determine what, if anything, was taken.

The incident follows the murder in July of a church worker on

the Mount of Olives, also during a burglary, and attacks by a soldier on Christian holy sites on the mount and in Jaffa.

"The custodian of Terra Santa vehemently denounces the severe lack of law enforcement in and around the Christian holy sites for many years," said acting custodian Castor Garcia.

"The situation has now become intolerable and dangerous both to pilgrims and to those who

are in charge of these holy sites," Garcia said in a statement.

The custodian, the senior representative of the Roman Catholic Church, recently sent a letter to Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret complaining of poor security.

The police spokeswoman, in response to the allegations of poor security, said, "Jerusalem Police are committed to maintaining security at the holy sites in all of Jerusalem, including the churches in eastern Jerusalem."

## Histadrut paying \$1m. a year for legal adviser

THE Histadrut's new leadership is employing a legal adviser for its holding company, Hevrat Ha'ovdim, for an annual wage of one million dollars. This was revealed over the weekend by the Histadrut's organization section chairman, Pini Shomer, at a meeting between the Ram and Labor factions.

In addition to \$1m. a year, the adviser, Prof. Aharon Yuran, receives payment for other deals and transactions he makes for the holding company, Shomer revealed.

Members of the Histadrut leadership, including some belonging to the ruling Ram faction, were furious to learn of the legal adviser's salary, at a time when the Histadrut is firing hundreds of workers, shutting departments and cutting services, as part of its budgetary cuts.

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Histadrut trade union section chairman MK Amir Peretz and parliament chairman MK Ran Cohen, both of Ram, were taken by surprise to hear of Yuran's wages and reportedly expressed anger at Histadrut Treasurer MK Haim Oron. They pointed out that the exorbitant payments had not been approved by the Histadrut executive.

According to Labor faction sources who attended the meeting, Oron replied that Yuran was an external adviser and that his wages were quite in order.

The meeting had been called to discuss the massive dismissals which the leadership is insisting upon in the local labor councils and Histadrut ranks.

In another development, all workers at Histadrut headquar-

ters received letters last week asking them to state whether they planned to continue working after the headquarters moves to Jerusalem at the end of the year, or retire.

Most of the workers live in Tel Aviv and the central region and will have difficulty commuting to Jerusalem. So far, the Histadrut leadership has refused the workers' demand to include the transportation time from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in their work hours for the first year.

Histadrut executive member Binyamin Gonen, head of the Joint List, said last week that all the executive members are opposed to the move to Jerusalem, but apart from himself, are afraid to come out and say so.

Gonen said that the move will

completely cut off the trade union leaders and offices, Na'amat and the pensioners' union from their members and the public they are supposed to serve, and will damage the Histadrut's ability to function.

Gonen added that "nobody, including Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon, can think it will do the Histadrut any good whatsoever to move to Jerusalem."

Histadrut sources confirmed yesterday that the step is intended merely to enable Ramon to get rid of hundreds more workers, who will not be able to cope with the move to Jerusalem.

The sources pointed out that the move will simply make it more convenient for Ramon and his Ram colleagues, most of whom are MKs, to spend their time in the Knesset rather than dealing with workers' issues.



Participants in the second annual Jerusalem Post staffers' tennis tournament prepare for battle on Friday at the Hebrew University tennis courts at Mount Scopus. Ori Lewis (far left) won the fiercely contested No. 1 slot. Runner-up was Michael Davis (fourth from right), last year's winner.

## Independent report: Top execs in charities, including Jewish ones, earn six-figure salaries

AMERICAN charities, including many Jewish organizations, pay their top professionals top dollar, often more than the earnings of the president of the US, the independent *Chronicle of Philanthropy* reported last week.

Charities offer ever-higher salaries to lure talented staff from the corporate world, the newspaper reported, in its annual survey on executive pay in major American non-profit organizations.

The *Chronicle* found that 45 percent of the charities under review paid their chief staffer at least \$200,000 a year, among them several Jewish organizations.

At the American Society for Technion, executive vice president Melvyn Bloom earned \$232,000. The society's income last year topped \$54m. Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, earns \$200,000 a year. The ADL raised almost \$36m.

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In the world of Jewish federations, the organizations that raise funds for Israel and for domestic programs, the executive vice president of the United Jewish Appeal, Brian Lurie, earned \$300,000. The organization's income as of June 1994 was \$382m.

The New York affiliate, the UJA-Federation, had an income as of June 1994 of \$180m. Executive vice-president Stephen Solender earned \$301,000.

At the low end of the Jewish salary scale was Hadassah, which reported that while its income

last year was nearly \$86m., its executive director, Beth Wohlger, earned only \$113,000.

The *Chronicle's* information on 184 American organizations was culled from material provided to US tax authorities.

By comparison, the president of Harvard University, Neil Rudenstine, earned \$241,000. President Bill Clinton's salary was \$200,000, although that simply supplements what is probably the largest, albeit most scrutinized, expense account in America.

Compensation is market-driven, Bloom said, as non-profit organizations must compete against private corporations for qualified staff.

## Liba'i: Israel may allow prosecution of soldiers for war crimes

THE government may revise the law to allow future prosecution of soldiers accused of killing prisoners of war, Justice Minister David Liba'i said Friday.

The announcement came as Israel and Egypt are trying to resolve a dispute over disclosures that Egyptian POWs were allegedly killed by Israeli soldiers in the 1956 and 1967 wars.

Israel has rejected demands by Egypt that those responsible be put on trial.

Murder charges here can only be brought for 20 years after the crime. Until now, the only exception to the 20-year limit was made in the case of Nazi war crimes.

Liba'i said Friday he would review whether the statute of limitations can also be lifted in case of other war crimes, such as killings of prisoners.

"I have already asked the Justice Ministry to investigate the possibility of changing the law," Liba'i said on Israel Radio.

Liba'i said a possible change would not allow the prosecution of crimes already committed.

"I emphasize that if the law is changed in Israel, it will be changed from now and for the future."

"We are not changing laws with a retroactive clause," he said. (AP)



Marc Pasture, director-general of Germany's Touristik Union International (TUI), speaks before planting his sapling before planting it last week in the Jewish National Fund's Jerusalem Peace Forest. The planting was one of the events of the Prime Minister's Conference on Peace Tourism. TUI is said to be the largest tourism company in the world. (INF)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Spanish premier arrives

Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez is due to arrive today for a two-day visit, during which he will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, President Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority officials. Tonight, Gonzalez is to meet with the families of MIAs. Tomorrow, he will hold a working meeting with Rabin and later will travel to the Gaza Strip to meet with PA officials. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

### American journalist arrested by police

Police arrested an American journalist yesterday during a Palestinian protest outside Orient House in eastern Jerusalem. A police spokesman said Maureen Meehan, who works for National Public Radio, had kicked a policeman who was breaking up a demonstration. Meehan's husband, Jiries Atrash, said she was arrested by the police because she was trying to cover the beating of a demonstrator.

Last night, police dispersed hundreds of anti-government protesters who had gathered on Road No. 1 and planned to march to Orient House. After the demonstrators refused to comply with orders to leave, police used force to disperse them. (Reuters)

### Taiba youth arrested for mother's murder

Police arrested a 19-year-old youth from Taiba yesterday on suspicion he murdered his mother, 37-year-old Rudeina Jamil. Taiba police were called to the house at about 2:30 a.m., and found Jamil's body. She had been stabbed in the chest and shot through the head. Police said that Jamil, a divorced mother of two, was pressing her son to go to work, and that this was a source of ongoing tension between them. (Itm)

### Boy in car hit by stone thrown by haredim

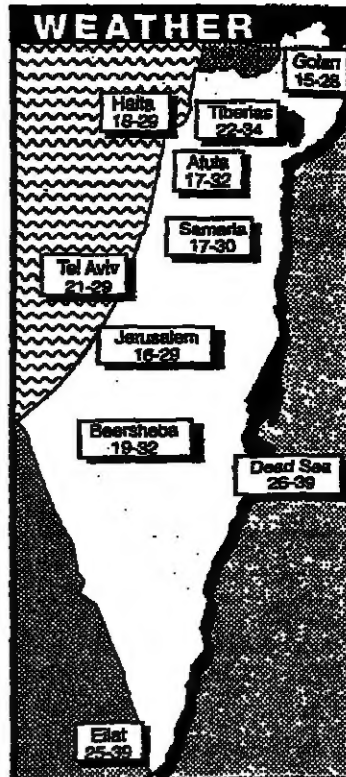
A boy was slightly injured yesterday afternoon when his family's car was stoned by haredim on Rehov Bar-Ilan in Jerusalem. Several haredim had gathered, yelling "Shabbos" and throwing garbage and rocks at passing cars. One stone hit a car, whose driver lost control and hit the road divider. His son was slightly hurt but did not need medical attention. (Itm)

### Israeli, Arab journalists meet in Cairo

Israeli and Arab journalists began an encounter Friday in Cairo to discuss the role of the media in the peace process. Israeli and Palestinian journalists were joined by colleagues from Tunisia, Morocco and Jordan. Only one Egyptian attended, as the Egyptian Journalists Association has forbidden its members to normalize ties with Israel. The three-day seminar was set up by Israeli and Palestinian peace groups. The Algerians expected to attend did not arrive. (Itm)

### Brodet, Talmon, to US for bond issue

Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet and accountant-general Shai Talmon are to leave tomorrow for the US to raise \$500 million in US-guaranteed bonds. First Boston is advising Israel on the issue. Israel also plans shortly to issue \$200 million in self-backed bonds, based on the BBB+ rating that it received earlier this year from Standard and Poor's. (Itm)



## AROUND THE WORLD

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Buenos Aires	15	28	10	cloudy
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Frankfurt	14	21	10	cloudy
London	12	18	10	cloudy
Madrid	14	21	10	cloudy
Moscow	12	18	10	cloudy
New York	14	21	10	cloudy
Paris	14	21	10	cloudy
Rome	14	21	10	cloudy

## Six die on roads

SIX people were killed and nine injured, many seriously, in road accidents over the weekend.

Three members of one family from Zichron Ya'acov were killed on the Hadera bypass road on Friday afternoon when their car crashed head-on into a truck. Mordechai Shiri, 39, his wife, Geula, and their three-year-old son Gavriel died at the scene.

Their 17-year-old son Shlomi was brought to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital with serious head injuries and remained in critical condition. Police suspect that Mordechai Shiri was speeding, lost control of his car and swerved into the opposite lane.

Neighbors said the family was returning home after picking up their new car when the accident occurred.

A Ramle man, Ya'acov Sa'adon, 27, was killed when his car veered into oncoming traffic on the Ramle-Betu road and hit another car Friday afternoon. The other driver suffered serious injuries. Police are investigating.

Also on Friday afternoon, Yona Lemel, of Kibbutz Hasolelim, was killed and four other people were injured when two pickup trucks crashed head-on near the National Water Carrier in the North.

One person was killed yesterday afternoon when her car crashed head-on into a bus near Kibbutz Ein Gev. Four people involved in the accident were injured, one of them seriously. (Itm)

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